ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 48

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Parking Annual Report 2009/10

Date of Meeting: 16 September 2010

Report of: Director of Environment

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Key Decision: No Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To note and approve the publication of the second Parking Annual Report 2009/10 on the performance of Parking Services for submission to the Department for Transport and Traffic Penalty Tribunal and for publication under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member endorses the publication of the Parking Annual Report for 2009/10 for submission to the Department for Transport and Traffic Penalty Tribunal under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member authorises the Acting Director of Environment to produce and publish a public version of the report to be made available on the Council's website.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The City Council has operated Decriminalised Parking Enforcement since 16 July 2001. Part 6 of The Traffic Management Act 2004 came into force on 31 March 2008 and the enforcement of parking became Civil Parking Enforcement. The Council is required to produce and publish an annual report to the Department for Transport within 6 months of the end of the financial year.
- 3.2 Brighton and Hove City Council's first Parking Annual Report 2008/9 received national recognition when it was unanimously declared overall winner by the independent Parking Annual Report Review Group established by PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London). The award was established to highlight best practice amongst Local Authorities in using the report to engage with the public on a range of parking issues.
- 3.3 Copies of this year's Parking Annual Report will be sent to stakeholders including, Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire Brigade, The Traffic Penalty Tribunal, the Department for Transport, local parking special interest groups, Brighton and

Hove Chamber of Commerce. The Parking Annual Report will also be published on the council's website.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 The publication of the parking annual report is being used as an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a variety of parking issues.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 The full cost of preparing the Parking Annual Report has been met from within existing Transport revenue budgets

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw Date: 11/08/10

Legal Implications:

5.2 The City Council is required by statutory guidance issued by the Department for Transport under Section 87 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 to produce and publish an annual report within 6 months of the end of the financial year detailing financial and statistical information on its civil parking enforcement regime

Lawyer Consulted: Carl Hearsum Date: 12/08/10

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None identified.

<u>Crime & Disorder Implications:</u>

5.5 None identified.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None identified.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

6.1 None considered.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 To provide the public and stakeholders with information on the performance and aims and objectives of parking services and to meet the Council's legal obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. The Parking Annual Report 2009/10

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None