

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Parking Annual Report 2012-13</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>8 October 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director Environment Development Housing</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE**

**1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 To note and approve the publication of the fifth Parking Annual Report 2012-13 on the performance of Parking Services for submission to the Department for Transport, Traffic Penalty Tribunal and for general publication under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the Committee endorses the publication of the Parking Annual Report for 2012-13 under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 2.2 That the Committee authorises the Head of Transport Operations to produce and publish the report which will 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 decriminalised enforcement of parking is now known as Civil Parking Enforcement. Statutory guidance issued by the Department for Transport requires the Council to produce and publish an annual report.
- 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). In every subsequent year the City Council's parking annual report has been shortlisted for the award which 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 This year's annual report provides a summary of issues covered by the Citywide Parking Review and explains how this feedback is being used to shape the

service and prioritise future developments. A wide range of statistical information is included in the report

- 114,332 Penalty Charge Notices were issued, the second lowest number issued in the city since 2001
- The on street parking surplus was £10,946,351 and the report explains how this is to be spent on providing free bus passes for the elderly and disabled as well as transport related projects. Income increased by 1.8% and expenditure fell in real terms by £417,000 compared to the previous year. Last year the on street parking surplus was £9,527,158
- The waiting list for resident permits has nearly halved over the past 3 years from 1,260 to 646 this year
- The number of trader permits on issue to businesses has increased to 1,085 since the waiting list was abolished from 777 last year

3.4 Where a surplus is generated, this is managed and spent in accordance with legal requirements under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Traffic Management Act 2004. The reports provide details of how the surplus has been spent on working towards the council's Traffic Management Objectives. These include reducing congestion, managing demand, improving air quality (Brighton and Hove has an Air Quality Management Area for non-compliance with nitrogen dioxide (EU and English) limits and a drive towards sustainable transport. More details can be found in our Local Transport Plan as well our Parking Annual Report published on our website that illustrate where the surplus has been allocated to services and projects including:

- Concessionary Fares
- Supported Bus Routes
- More cycle parking
- Quality Bus Partnership Initiative
- Traffic control improvements
- Brighton station gateway
- Highway maintenance

3.5 Copies of this year's Parking Annual Report will be sent to a wide range of stakeholders including, Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire Brigade, The Traffic Penalty Tribunal, the Secretary of State for Transport, Brighton and Hove Chamber of Commerce and local parking special interest groups. The Parking Annual Report will also be published on the council's website

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

4.1 The publication of the Parking Annual Report 2012-13 is being used as an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a range of parking issues.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 The cost of preparation and publication of the Parking Annual Report will be funded from within the existing Transport revenue budget.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Steven Bedford*

*Date: 04/09/13*

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 detailing financial and statistical information on its civil parking enforcement regime. The report must be published within 6 months of the end of the financial year.

*Lawyer Consulted: Name Carl Hearsum*

*Date: 04/09/13*

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The Parking Annual Report will be made available in hard copy format at libraries and at the Parking Information Centre where staff will be able to provide assistance as required, in addition to being published online. Any equalities implications arising as a result of policy changes are explained in the relevant committee report introducing the change.
- 5.4 The Blue Badge scheme administered by the council is a national scheme providing a range of parking concessions for disabled people meeting the blue badge criteria. Parking Services meets with key stakeholders such as the Federation of Disabled and minority ethnic groups to gather feedback on services and consult on new developments. Overall most of the parking surplus is used to pay for free bus passes for the disabled and elderly.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.5 None identified

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.6 None identified

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.7 None identified

Public Health Implications:

- 5.8 None identified

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.9 The report supports the Corporate Plan priority of 'Engaging people who live and work in the city'

**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, aims and objectives of parking services and to meet the Council's legal obligations under the Traffic Management Act 2004

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. Parking Annual Report 2012-13

#### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

1. Copies of previous year's annual reports

#### **Background Documents**

1. None