

Subject:	Parking Annual Report 2017/18		
Date of Meeting:	9 October 2018		
Report of:	Executive Director Economy Environment & Culture		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 To note and approve the publication of the Parking Annual Report 2017/18 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 Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee endorses the publication of the Parking Annual Report for 2017/18 under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004.
- 2.2 That the Environment Transport and Sustainability Committee authorises the Head of Parking Services to produce and publish the report, which will be made available on the Council's website and to stakeholders.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The City Council took over responsibility for civil parking enforcement from Sussex Police on 16 July 2001. The Traffic Management Act 2004 came into force on 31 March 2008. In the interest of transparency, the Council is required to produce and publish an annual report with the aim of informing debate on local parking issues.
- 3.2 Last year's annual report received national recognition when it was 'highly commended' for 'Presentation of Finance and Statistics' by the independent Parking Annual Report Review Group established by PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London). The accolade followed two successive years of Brighton & Hove winning the award for 'best overall report'.
- 3.3 The 2017/18 report will include details of:
- An increase in permit revenue of £1,495,430 following the introduction of five new parking zones and the extension of an existing scheme (Zone F).

- A reduction in the number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued, down from 124,069 to 113,939.
- Parking Services undergoing a restructure during 2017/18. The changes, which came into effect 1 April 2018, were implemented across six teams. In addition to modernising the service, the restructure has strengthened the department's approach to fraud prevention. Based upon audit recommendations, these improvements cover a number of areas – including resident permits and blue badges. Ways in which current and emerging technologies can be used to futureproof the service are also under consideration.
- A successful bid for £300,000 from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This will provide 75 percent of the cost for installing 200 new electric vehicle charging points across Brighton & Hove. The remaining £100,000 will be provided through private investment.
- The completion of a project to replace and upgrade all of the city's pay-and-display ticket machines. The new machines have impacted positively on parking by introducing more payment choices, lowering maintenance costs and reducing criminal damage caused by thieves.
- The addition of specialized civil enforcement officers (CEOs):
 - o Three new CEOs focused on patrolling outside the city's schools. These officers are helping to reduce the dangers presented to schoolchildren by inconsiderate drivers
 - o A CEO helping to keep bus routes free from problematic parking
 - o A 'complaints officer' who is helping to reduce the time taken to deal with urgent requests for enforcement.
- The expansion of the Disabled (Blue) Badge team's operations. They now handle Concessionary Travel applications.

3.4 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 and local parking special interest groups. The Parking Annual Report will also be published on the council's website.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1 No alternatives are considered as there is a statutory requirement to produce a Parking Annual Report. The importance of the report in communicating with the public has also been highlighted by the Transport Select Committee.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

5.1 The publication of the Parking Annual Report 2017/18 is being used as an opportunity to inform and engage with the public and stakeholders on a range of parking issues.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The Report provides 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.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 7.1 The costs associated with the production and publication of the Parking Annual Report are funded from existing revenue budgets within the City Transport service. Financial information relating to the council's parking activities is included within the Parking Annual Report.

Finance Officer Consulted: Gemma Jackson

Date: 07/09/18

Legal Implications

- 7.2 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: Stephanie Stammers

Date: 07/09/18

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 None identified

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 None identified

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None identified

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Parking Annual Report 2016-17

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documentation:

1. None

