



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

**Proposed on street 'pay and display' parking charges in
Epsom and Ewell
Local Committee Consultation**

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KEY ISSUE

To provide comment and feedback for the Surrey County Council Cabinet about proposed on street parking charges in Epsom and Ewell Borough.

SUMMARY

On the 12 January 2011 the Cabinet Member for Transport approved a consultation programme for the introduction of on street pay and display parking charges in Surrey. As part of this consultation process each Local Committee is being asked for its views on the proposals. These will be reviewed and reported to the Cabinet to assist in the decision making process.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Epsom and Ewell Local Committee is asked to provide comment and feedback about the proposals for on street parking charges in the Borough to help the Cabinet decide how to proceed.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Surrey County Council is the Highway Authority in Surrey and responsible for managing the highway network including on street parking. Epsom and Ewell Borough Council act as agent for Surrey and carry out enforcement of the on street parking restrictions in the Borough as well as managing their own off street car parks.
- 1.2 On the 12 January 2011 Ian Lake, Cabinet Member for Transport approved a programme of consultation for the introduction of on street parking charges in many towns and shopping areas around Surrey. This report is attached as Annex 1. A revised recommendation was approved at the meeting and is shown in Annex 2.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The benefits and issues associated with on street parking charges are described in the Cabinet Member report (Annex 1).
- 2.2 In order to report the Local Committee's views and investigate their comments about these proposals it would be beneficial for the Local Committee to consider each of the locations where the introduction of on street parking charges is proposed and decide:
 - Whether they support the introduction of parking charges in each location.
 - If not, what are the reasons?
 - If yes, are there any changes that should be made to either the operational times or proposed tariff?

These views can then be reported back to the Cabinet.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 It is proposed to carry out a statutory consultation and advertise the proposals in Epsom and Ewell during October and November 2011. Notices will be placed in local newspapers and on street where changes are planned. Local chambers of commerce will also be contacted.

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Currently, Surrey County Council runs a deficit of approximately £500,000 across the County in the management and enforcement of on street parking restrictions. The Epsom and Ewell Borough Parking Enforcement Team did not significantly contribute to this deficit, operating the service at near neutral cost to the County in 2009/10. Generally however, a financial deficit in the management of on street parking enforcement effectively reduces the funding available for

highway maintenance. On street car parking charges could contribute to eliminating this deficit, and potentially increase the funding available for highway maintenance and improvements.

- 4.2 A more detailed breakdown of the likely income and running costs associated with on street pay and display parking in Epsom and Ewell Borough is shown in Annex 3.
- 4.3 Any income raised from on street parking charges must by law be spent on highway improvement or environmental works under Section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 These are identified in Annex 1.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are none identified.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To note and comment on the Cabinet Member report of 12 January.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To assist the Cabinet in making decisions.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The Local Committee's comments will be reported back to the Cabinet to help them in the decision making process.

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