



**CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2010**

**KEY ISSUE**

This report seeks the views of the Local Committee on proposals for changes to Civil Parking Enforcement across Surrey.

**SUMMARY**

The Transport Select Committee has recently considered a report setting out revised proposals for Civil Parking Enforcement in Surrey. The matter will next be considered by the Cabinet on 29 June. This report presents the opportunity for the Guildford Local Committee to comment on the proposals in time for its views to be considered by the Cabinet.

**REPORT BY**

LOCAL HIGHWAYS MANAGER

**SURREY ATLAS REF.**

N/A

**GUILDFORD B.C. WARD (S)**

ALL

**COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISION (S)**

ALL

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to agree:

- (i) that **ANNEXE A** to this report be noted
- (ii) that any comments made by the Committee be passed to the Cabinet Member for Transport with a request that they be taken into consideration in any decision taken by the Cabinet on this issue.

## INTRODUCTION

1 The report attached as **ANNEXE A** was considered by the County Council's Transport Select Committee on 25 May 2010. The following key points were raised during the discussion:

- It was reported that at the meeting of the Surrey Chief Executives on 14 May there had been a mixed reaction from the Borough and District Councils although they accepted that on street parking enforcement is expensive for the County Council and there is currently some unnecessary duplication of back office work.
- It was noted that the Guildford park and ride service was currently funded from surpluses on the parking account in Guildford and Members were concerned that merger of the parking accounts could affect this service. Both officers and the Cabinet Member for Transport confirmed that whilst there could be no guarantees in the current budget situation, there was no intention to make any changes to the park and ride service and funding would be found from elsewhere.
- There was some concern about the grouping of authorities in Group C as these authorities don't have much commonality. It was reported that the groupings are based on those proposed for local collaboration, but that further discussions could take place with Procurement on alternatives.
- Some Members felt that there should have been more detailed figures on the current situation included in the report although the Committee had previously received a report outlining this information.
- A number of Members felt that the report should have been discussed at Local Committees to allow Borough and District Members to make comments. It was reported that the report had been sent to the Chairmen of Local Committees, but there was insufficient time for formal consultation as it was necessary for the Cabinet to consider this matter on 29 June to allow enough time for the procurement exercise, if agreed, to be completed by 1 April 2011.
- It was queried whether successful bidders would concentrate their efforts in urban areas where they were more likely to make a profit and ignore the more rural areas. It was reported that the contracts

would be based on deployed hours so a set number of hours would be required in each area which could be varied at the County's discretion.

- 2 The Select Committee resolved: "That the Committee supports the following recommendations to Cabinet:
  - (a) (Agreed by 6 votes FOR to 2 AGAINST with 1 ABSTENTION) the introduction of up to four area enforcement contracts with the option for service providers to tender for one or more areas.
  - (b) (unanimously agreed) offering the option for district and boroughs to join a countywide contract for their off-street car parking provision if they so choose.
  - (c) (Agreed by 9 votes FOR with 1 ABSTENTION) the merger of the CPE/CPZ accounts."
  
- 3 The matter will be discussed again at the meeting of the SCC Cabinet on 29 June. The report to the Cabinet will be in the public arena from 22 June, the day before the meeting of the Guildford Local Committee. The report is expected to be broadly similar to the Select Committee report attached as **ANNEXE A**.
  
- 4 The matter is not being routinely reported to all Local Committees due to the timescales involved. However the Cabinet Member for Transport wrote to all Local Committee chairmen on 2 June stating:
 

"Last week a paper was presented to the Transport Select Committee concerning the above. I know officers sent you all a link to the paper in advance, but I am aware it didn't go to your committee. The Select Committee approved this report, and a further report will be taken to Cabinet on 29 June. If your Local Committee has any comments, I'd be grateful if you can share them directly with me. I will then make sure the Cabinet are duly updated. Due to time constraints it is simply not possible for officers to attend and collate comments from all local committees."
  
- 5 The Local Committee is therefore invited to comment on the attached report, and any comments made will be passed to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

**FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6 This report has no immediate financial implications; the implications of any decisions taken by the Cabinet will be reported at the appropriate time.

**CONSULTATIONS**

- 7 This report seeks the views of the Local Committee in order that the Cabinet may take these into account.

**EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8 This report has no implications for equality and diversity.

**CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9 This report has no implications for crime and disorder.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10 Any views expressed by the Committee will be passed to the Cabinet Member for Transport for consideration at the Cabinet meeting on 29 June 2010.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** ANNEXE A, attached

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