

Item 28

DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT UPDATE REPORT

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL COMMITTEE (SURREY HEATH)

8th December 2005

KEY ISSUE:

To update the Committee on the current position with implementing Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in the District.

SUMMARY:

The County Council in partnership with the Borough Council have agreed to take on DPE powers to enforce parking and waiting restrictions in the District. The intended date for commencement is currently Monday 6th February 2005.

Work has continued within the District to facilitate the introduction of DPE. However, a number of legal issues remain outstanding, which at this stage, is likely to alter the agreed date of commencement. An assessment is currently being undertaken to assess the extent of the delay but at the time of writing this report, a new date has yet to be finalised. It is essential that when a revised date is set that this is realistic but at the same time, final. A further verbal update will be given at the Committee meeting.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath is asked to note this report.

INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND

- 1. The County Council in partnership with the Borough Council have agreed to take on DPE powers to enforce parking and waiting restrictions in the District.
- 2. The intended date for commencement is currently Monday 6th February 2005.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY

- 3. Work has continued within the District to facilitate the introduction of DPE. However, a number of legal issues remain outstanding, which at this stage, is likely to alter the agreed date of commencement.
- 4. An assessment is currently being undertaken to assess the extent of the delay but at the time of writing this, report a new date has yet to be finalised. It is essential that when a revised date is set that this is realistic but at the same time, final. A further verbal update will be given at the Committee meeting.

CONSULTATION

5. The likely change of a date for the introduction of DPE has been discussed with the Committee Chairman.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There will be the need to adjust and update the 2005/06 and 2006/07 DPE budgets as a result of a change to the commencement date.

CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

7. Unless DPE is progressed then there will continue to be no active enforcement of waiting restrictions and this will clearly lead to abuse of parking controls.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee in Surrey Heath is asked to note this report.

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