

Open Report on behalf of Executive Director for Environment & Economy

Report to:	Highways & Transportation Committee
Date:	13 June 2016
Subject:	Civil Parking Enforcement Annual Report 2015 to 2016

Summary:

The adoption of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) by Lincolnshire County Council requires the Council to submit an annual report on CPE related activities and a financial statement showing the cost of the operation, including any deficit or surplus. This is in accordance with the Secretary of State's Statutory Guidance to Local Authorities on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions. The Lincolnshire County Council Annual Parking Report 2016 is attached at Appendix A.

Actions Required:

Members of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider and comment on the contents of the annual report and support the report being published on the Council's website.

1. Background

The annual parking report covers the period from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016. It is a transparent document that allows the disclosure of various statistics related to enforcement and appeals. The report contains financial information on the cost of the service. The report also includes details of projects where parking enforcement has helped to contribute to parking schemes or the review of current parking restrictions. The report will be sent to the Department for Transport and PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulation Outside London).

The report contains information on the following subjects:

- Cost of service provision
- Income from penalty charges
- Any surplus or deficit made
- The number of penalty charges issued
- The number of penalty charges paid
- The income raised from penalty charge payments

- The number of appeals
- The number of successful appeals
- The number of penalty charges cancelled, along with the reason for cancellation.

Financial Situation

One of the tasks of Parking Services is to ensure the service provided by the contractors is as efficient as possible. By working closely with our contractors we have been able to continue providing the service at a cost effective level, in line with best value principles. The service has produced a surplus of £293,584 for financial year 2015/6.

2. Conclusion

Parking enforcement continues to contribute to the overall transport strategy by helping to reduce congestion, increase traffic flows and improve pedestrian safety.

The provision of free high street parking helps to contribute to the economic viability of local shops and services. Ensuring that the limited waiting times are adhered to by enforcing the restrictions increases the turnover of vehicles, allowing higher footfall and accessibility to local facilities and amenities.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	The Lincolnshire County Council Parking Report 2015 to 2016

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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