

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director for Environment and Economy

Report to:	Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee
Date:	15 September 2014
Subject:	Civil Parking Enforcement - Annual Parking Report 2013/2014

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 District and City Councils within Lincolnshire are responsible for producing their own annual reports.

Actions Required:

That the Committee consider and comment on the contents of the report and endorse that the report is published on the Lincolnshire County Council website.

1. Background

The annual parking report covers the period from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. It is a transparent document that allows the disclosure of various statistics related to enforcement and appeals, as well as financial information on the cost of the service. The report also includes details of projects where parking enforcement has helped to contribute to changes 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:

- 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

A breakdown showing the deployment of Civil Enforcement Officers across the County is attached at Appendix B.

Financial Situation

Prior to going live, CPE was forecast to operate at a deficit. The deficit forecast was derived from using a complex financial projection that was skewed toward higher costs and lower levels of income.

One of the tasks of Parking Services is to ensure the service provided by the contractors is as efficient as possible. By working with the contractors to improve efficiencies, and thus reduce costs, the service has produced an excess, resulting in a surplus of £156,000 for financial year 2013/2014.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the report and note endorse that the report is published on the Lincolnshire County Council website.

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	Civil Parking Enforcement Report 2013 to 2014
Appendix B	Breakdown of Deployments 2013/14

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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