



He reported that the principals of civil on-street car parking enforcement provided powers to the Local Authority to carry out parking enforcement. Some of the benefits of CPE included freeing up Police resources to deal with criminality and allowing the Council's and partners to decide on the enforcement required.

Information was provided on the steps to implementation and the current Countywide financial position. He stated that the Council's role included that of the day-to-day operation and management and operational enforcement.

He reported that CPE allowed the County Council to take over the majority of the enforcement of parking restrictions from Staffordshire Police. He provided information on the Traffic Penalty Tribunal and operational policies such as residents parking schemes whereby residents would pay an annual fee for each standard permit issued and costs were also provided for parking offences.

Members were provided with details of the financial situation and advised that it would take the Council 4/5 years to payback the initial investments. Therefore any additional monies secured after this time would be re-invested into transport schemes for the District and could be used for example for improvements to street lighting or supporting a bus service. However, the re-investment would need to take into account the rules of the County Plan and any works would be carried out by the County's highways contractor.

In response to a question raised by a Member, Mr. Miller stated that any issues that the Committee felt that Staffordshire Parking Board needed to be aware of or any concerns could be addressed either through Officers or the Cabinet Member that represented the District on the Parking Board.

Members highlighted their concerns in their respective Wards with double parking, roads being blocked and emergency services being unable to gain access to certain roads and were keen to know how this could be resolved. In response to this Mr. Miller reported on enforcement on housing estates and the introduction of 20mph zones.

Mr. Les Neate, Waste and Engineering Services Manager reported that the Council recently encountered a problem with refuse vehicles being unable to gain access to certain roads. The Council therefore forwarded a letter to the owners to try and alleviate the problem of vehicles being inappropriately parked.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Joint Parking Committee detailing the feedback and procedures that are in place in other Local Authorities to alleviate the problem of inappropriately parked vehicles on the highway.
- (B) That Officers continue to invite a representative of the Police to future meetings of the Joint Parking Committee.

## 5. CPE Progress Report for the Period April-June 2009

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Environmental Services (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.7 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

Mr. Neate presented the report to Members and presented the results of the CPE process. He provided Members with a breakdown of all cancelled tickets from 1 April-30 June, 2009.

He reported that 101 tickets during 3 months were cancelled due to disabled badges being incorrectly displayed. The Chairman and Members suggested that a letter be forwarded to Social Services with a request that the rules of how badges should be displayed should be reiterated to owners. Mr Miller however stated that this occurred each time badges were renewed.

Members discussed the need for enforcement in certain areas especially around schools where parents parked. Mr Neate informed Members that the Council had liaised with a Headteacher of a local school to add an article in their news letter warning parents that CEO's would be patrolling the area. He added that mobile beats were currently visiting areas within the District approximately once per week.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That the report be noted.
- (B) That a report be submitted to the next Joint Parking Committee detailing the problems that existed in areas where mobile beats were in operation.

**6. Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement 2008-09 Financial Outturn and 2009-10 Budgets.**

Members received the Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement 2008-09 Financial Outturn and 2009-10 Budgets report for information

Mr. Miller reported on the operational situation of Staffordshire Moorlands and stated that they were not in accordance with the agreed business solution and action had been agreed to address this situation. The Chairman requested that regular updates be provided to the Committee on the financial situation of Cannock CPE.

RESOLVED:

That regular updates be provided to the Joint Parking Committee on the financial situation of Cannock CPE.

**7. Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement Review of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Duties to Cover Enforcement of 'Police No Waiting Cones'.**

Members received the Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement Review of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) Duties to Cover Enforcement of 'Police No Waiting Cones' for information.

Mr. Miller presented the report to Members and provided information in respect of the extra powers given to PCSO's.

**8. Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement – 08/09 Annual Progress Report**

Members received the Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement – 08/09 Annual Progress Report for information.

Mr. Miller presented the report to Members and stated that the final version of the 08/09 Annual report would be finalised by 1 October, 2009.

**9. Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement – New Powers for Enforcement of Parking at Dropped Crossing and Double Parking.**

Members received the Staffordshire Parking Board 13 July, 2009 – Civil Parking Enforcement – New Powers for Enforcement of Parking at Dropped Crossing and Double Parking for information.

Mr. Miller presented the report to Members and advised that the new CPE parking framework was introduced by the Department for Transport as of 1 June, 2009 which gave Council's the powers to issue penalty charge notices to motorists who parked at dropped footways.

A County Councillor was keen to see if an annual conference could be arranged after Christmas with Parish and Town Council's to discuss the work being undertaken with CPE.

RESOLVED:

That a report on the possibility of an annual conference being arranged after Christmas with Parish and Town Council's to discuss the work being undertaken with CPE be submitted to the next meeting of the Joint Parking Committee.

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CHAIRMAN