

## **ABANDONED VEHICLES ON STRATEGIC ROUTES**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The object of this report is to seek Member approval to delegate authority to Essex County Council to deal with abandoned vehicles on strategic routes within the District.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1. Within the Essex Public Service Agreement (PSA) with the Government, Essex County Council has set a target to improve performance in respect of the removal of abandoned vehicles.
- 2.2. At present, the District Councils are responsible for arranging the removal of the vehicle and the County is responsible for disposal.
- 2.3. In order for the County Council to achieve its new targets on strategic routes, it wishes to undertake both the removal and disposal of the vehicle. The costs would be met in full by County.
- 2.4. The routes that would be covered in the Rochford area are the A130 and the A127.
- 2.5. By agreeing to this proposal the Council would be taking a positive step in assisting the County with its PSA.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1. As the County would be taking responsibility for both removal and disposal, there will be a small reduction in both cost and officer time to the Council.

### **4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. Abandoned vehicles are an increasing problem which has detrimental effects on the local environment. Any action which would improve the speed of removal is to be welcomed.

### **5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. The areas covered include the Parish of Rawreth and Rayleigh Town Council area.

**6 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) be authorised to delegate to Essex County Council the powers required to deal with abandoned vehicles on the strategic routes within the District.

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