
DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT - UPDATE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This is the six monthly update report on Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE).

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.2 Earlier this year Essex County Council successfully applied to the then Secretary of State for Transport for powers relating to parking enforcement under the Road Traffic Act 1991, initially in respect of the following Local Authority areas:-

- Brentwood Borough Council
- Chelmsford Borough Council
- Colchester Borough Council
- Epping Forest District Council
- Maldon District Council.

The powers were implemented in these Authorities on 1 October 2002 and over the next two years the County Council will be requesting powers for the remaining seven Essex Districts. Rochford is expected to be covered in October 2004, or sooner. The intention is for the whole of Essex to be covered by April 2005.

3 PROCEDURAL PROCESSES

- 3.1 Two Working Groups have been set-up comprising Essex County Council Officers and District Council Officers. They deal with administrative issues concerning:-
- Publicity
 - Enforcement
- 3.2 At the Policy and Finance Committee Meeting of 5 December 2002, Members agreed an initial staffing appointment of a Parking Supervisor post to oversee the introduction of DPE in the Rochford District. It is hoped that an appointment will be made to this post by the end of January 2003.
- 3.2 One of the first tasks is to have a Member agreed Action Plan for DPE and this will be reported as an interim measure to the six-monthly updates.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The early appointment to the post of Parking Supervisor will be a good start to the project, which is now surfacing as one of the principal projects on the horizon for 2003/04.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To accept the six-monthly update report subject to the further submission of an Action Plan for Implementing DPE.
- (2) That a further report on DPE be submitted in July 2003.

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Background Papers:

Road Traffic Act 1991

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