

CABINET – 24 NOVEMBER 2009

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING POLICY

Report by Head of Transport

Introduction

1. Civil Parking Enforcement has been undertaken by Oxfordshire County Council within the City of Oxford since 1997. At that time authority to undertake this work was obtained from the Department for Transport. An application for similar powers to undertake Civil Parking Enforcement in West Oxfordshire District is currently being made.

Background

2. Since the commencement of Decriminalised (now Civil) Parking Enforcement in Oxford policies have been developed taking into account best practice throughout the country and experience within the City of Oxford. This document draws together these policies and practices into one document that can be used to support applications for Civil Parking Enforcement in the Districts within Oxfordshire. The application to the Department for Transport for civil enforcement powers in West Oxfordshire District is being handled by a consultant, RTA Associates, who have drafted this document with the full involvement of officers from both Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council.

Content

3. The draft document does not introduce any new policies, rather it collates existing information from sources such as the Local Transport Plan, District local plans, current legislation and the parking enforcement policies and protocols that were the subject of a report for Cabinet Member Decisions on 24 April 2008. By bringing together all these separate policy documents into one draft document the Department for Transport's requirements for extracts from such a document to be submitted with each application for Civil Parking Enforcement powers for the districts can be met. It will also serve as a template for civil enforcement teams employed by the district councils to base their operations upon and provide a basis for Oxfordshire County Council to ensure that Civil Parking Enforcement is being undertaken fairly and consistently throughout the county.
4. This is a working document which will be revised from time to time as circumstances and legislation require.

Financial and Staff Implications

5. There are no staff implications in the production of this report. There will be no publishing costs as the document is not designed for distribution (though parts of the document will form the basis for public information documents in the future).

RECOMMENDATION

6. **The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve the Parking Policy Document for use throughout those parts of the County where Civil Parking Enforcement is undertaken.**

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Background papers: Nil

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