



DECISION OF COUNCILLOR ELFAN AP REES

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING, HIGHWAYS, ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING.

WITH ADVICE FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

DECISION NO 15/16 DE 252

SUBJECT:

Application to the Department for Transport for the adoption of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers in North Somerset.

Background:

At their meeting on 8 September 2015 the Executive considered a report relating to the proposed adoption of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers by North Somerset Council.

Following consideration of that report the Executive made a formal decision that instructed officers to prepare an application to the Department for Transport (DfT) for CPE powers, aiming to submit the application in April 2016 for the introduction of CPE in October 2016. Associated decisions were made by the Executive regarding some specific aspects of the application, and delegated any further decisions (including the decision to submit the completed application) to the Executive Member for Strategic Planning, Highways, Economic Development and Housing.

An application has been prepared in accordance with the Executive's decision, and following engagement with the SPED Transport Management Steering Group.

DECISION:

The "Application for a Civil Enforcement Area (CEA) and Special Enforcement Area (SEA) by North Somerset District Council" as reviewed by the Executive Member is submitted at the earliest opportunity to the Department for Transport for their consideration.

Reasons:

Submission of the application to the DfT within April 2016 will enable implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement in October 2016. It is anticipated that the adoption of CPE powers will have the following benefits:-

- Responds to public and traders' demands for better enforcement
- More free-flowing traffic due to fewer illegally parked vehicles and better access to spaces and loading bays
- Higher turnover of spaces enabling shoppers and visitors better access
- Consistent enforcement of both parking bays and yellow lines
- Consistency of approach with our neighbouring authorities
- Improved accessibility, in particular, easier for blue badge holders to park nearer their destination
- Appropriate enforcement activity funded by fines, with any surplus being used to improve transport more generally

Other Alternatives Considered:

None.

Risk Assessment:

Failure to submit the application within April is likely to delay the adoption of CPE powers by six months (the DfT won't accept further applications until October 2016).

Financial Implications:

The decision is within the relevant budget of the Directorate (including phased capital budget) and the relevant revenue & capital budget, and the Directorate's overall budget is not projected to be overspent.

See September 2016 report to the Executive for further details.

Implications for Future Years:

The agreed business plan for the project shows that Civil Parking Enforcement will be self-financing.

Signed..... The Executive Member for Strategic Planning,
Highways, Economic Development and Housing

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Confirmation of Advice Given

Signed.....Director of Development & Environment

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