

NAME OF COMMITTEE	Community Services
DATE	10th September 2013
REPORT TITLE	Civil Parking Enforcement
Report of	Street Scene Manager
WARDS AFFECTED	All

Summary of report:

This report updates Members on Devon County Council's (DCC) proposals in respect of Civil Parking Enforcement.

Financial implications:

None at this stage. The summary statement shows the cost pressure of the DCC proposal in its current form upon the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this Committee note the report, and that officers continue in working with partners at the County Council and other district authorities to reach a satisfactory service position.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 West Devon Borough Council has been carrying out on-street parking enforcement on behalf of Devon County Council (DCC) under an Agency Agreement, since May 2008, when the service was transferred to DCC from the Police. This arrangement is mirrored throughout the County with other Councils.
- 1.2 DCC has now given notice to the Borough Council to terminate the current agreement on 31st March 2014 and propose a new agreement. Again, the proposal has been mirrored throughout the County. This service review aims to reduce the current service costs for DCC from £2,266,389 in 2011/12 to £1,857,704 thus saving £408,684 across the County.

2. DRAFT PROPOSAL

2.1 Unfortunately, the draft proposal would not cover the Borough Council's costs in providing on-street enforcement and, therefore, officers are seeking further negotiations, together with other district authorities. A summary of the proposal is attached at Appendix 1.

2.1 Initial deadlines for responding to the proposal have been extended to 18th September 2013.

2.2 Further negotiations now need to take place to agree

- Actual service costs
- Benefits of integrated working
- Opportunities to offer the back office service for the DCC function

2.3 Environmental Services and Finance Officers are currently working to produce actual service costs, in order to produce a counter-proposal for discussion with DCC.

2.4 There are certainly economies of scale to be achieved by providing an integrated on- and off-street car parking service and these need to be clearly established to aid negotiations with the County Council.

2.5 There may be an opportunity for the South Hams and West Devon joint back office service to be expanded in order to host the 'Centralised' management posts, which would result in further economies of scale.

3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 West Devon Borough Council has legal powers to carry out enforcement both on and off-street under the Devon County Designation Order made under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Further work is currently being carried out in order to evaluate the proposal. If costs cannot be covered then the Borough Council may need to consider withdrawal from the provision of the service.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

6. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate priorities engaged:	Community well being; access to services; towards excellence; customer first
Statutory powers:	
Considerations of equality and human rights:	Not applicable
Biodiversity considerations:	Not applicable
Sustainability	Not applicable

considerations:	
Crime and disorder implications:	Not applicable
Background papers:	None
Appendices attached:	None

STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status				Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1.	On-going negotiations/ discussions	That a satisfactory compromise solution is not reached	4	2	8	↓	On-going negotiations. The desire to work in partnership to provide a cohesive and seamless on- and off-street parking enforcement service, to achieve economies of scale	C. Aubertin

Direction of travel symbols ↓ ↑ ↔

