



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Constable

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CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT ACROSS CAMBRIDGESHIRE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (the “Board”) regards the establishment of a working group, comprising representation from Highways, District and City Councils, to deliver a joined-up approach to enforcement of parking contraventions.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is invited to note the report and the Countywide Community Safety Strategic Board have endorsed the establishment of a task and finish group.

3 Background

- 3.1 Cambridgeshire Constabulary current organisational priorities are dwelling burglary, domestic abuse, child abuse (including child exploitation), serious sexual offences and modern slavery. These are in addition to a more recently added presence and visibility priority.
- 3.2 Notwithstanding current Cambridgeshire Constabulary priorities, the issue of parking is one that attracts significant public interest; it is a recurring issue at community meetings and a subject raised through myriad communications. Parking is a matter of public concern.

4 Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions

- 4.1 The Secretary of State’s Statutory Guidance to LAs on the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions’, highlights “*most English local authorities are enforcing parking in their*

area". This has been the case in Cambridge City since 2004 and Peterborough since 2003.

- 4.2 A paper dated February 2011, within Cambridgeshire County Council set out there was an appetite to transfer the responsibility for non-endorsable parking offences to the Highway Authority from the Police, and integrate on and off-street parking enforcement. Revenue from parking tickets, and on and off-street charging could fund this policy.
- 4.3 Cambridgeshire's devolution deal commits Local Authorities to exploring transfer of powers between the Combined Authority, the County Council, District Councils and Parish Councils to deliver the most efficient and effective public services. Extending civil enforcement beyond Cambridge and Peterborough could be self-funding and allow policing to focus on higher harm issues.

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