

Blackwood TCMG

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Civil Parking Enforcement Update & Proposals

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Background to CPE

- Over 280 councils across the UK already have CPE. 17 of the 22 Welsh local authorities have implemented CPE. Only Gwent has not.
- 1st April 2012: Traffic Warden role withdrawn
- December 2018: Gwent Police to withdraw from parking enforcement
- 17th December 2017: feasibility study reported to the Regeneration and Environment Scrutiny Committee
- 28th February 2018: Cabinet resolved to progress CPE
- 25th July 2018: Cabinet resolved to apply for CPE

Background to CPE

The business model is based on:

- 8 FTE Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) under direct CCBC management
- Notice processing and administration via RCT
- 11,250 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued annually
- 3-5% of contraventions; 75% collection rate
- Annual surpluses and self funding after year 1 but not sufficient to fund the set up costs

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Purpose to CPE

- Provide a coordinated approach to enforcement of traffic regulations
- Contribute to improving road safety and the general flow of traffic
- Improve enforcement at priority locations, e.g. disabled and resident parking spaces
- Improve access for local residents to public transport and local businesses
- Improve the local environment and economic vitality

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What CPE will do

- Enforcement of off street car parks
- Enforcement of on street lines and signs
- Coordinate deployment of resources to off street car parks and on street parking
- Provide a greater profile
- Use the income received to fund the service
- Re-invest any surplus income in traffic, highway and transportation services

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What CPE will not do

- Moving traffic offences
- Pavement parking
- Obstruction

All the above remain with Gwent Police

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What CPE will not

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- Reduce the number of cars
- Increase road widths
- Stop unlawful parking

But it will be a significant deterrent

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Proposals and next steps

- TRO review – May to October 2018
- CPE application submitted to WG – October 2018
- Undertake remedial TRO works – September to December 2018
- Prepare TRO consolidation order – September to December 2018
- Negotiate back office and set up in house service – April 2018 to January 2019
- Undertake public engagement and manage expectations
- ‘Go live’ – April 2019

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Key Details - operational

- There will be 8-10 Civil Enforcement Officers
- They will issue PCNs (Penalty Charge Notices)
- The fines are set by Welsh Government
- They are set at £70 and £50
- Reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days
- Payments online, telephone or post

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Key Details – challenges/appeals

- Challenges in writing within 28 days
- If unsuccessful, an independent tribunal (Traffic Penalty Tribunal) is available to appeal to.
- Failure to pay / ignore PCN will result in a referral to the County Court (TEC) and then on to bailiffs.



Key Issues

- There is no target for PCNs
- Uniform enforcement of Countryside and Tourism car parks
- Review parking enforcement operational policy
- Bring resident permit parking in line with current policy
- Develop dual role to include enforcement of littering and dog fouling
- Explore areas for collaboration

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Public Engagement

- A communication strategy has been developed
- Widely publicise CPE in advance of Go live
- Use usual media channels via communications team
- Enforcement from day one of Go live

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Advice to Members

Section 10.16 of Traffic management Act 2004 CPE – Secretary of states statutory guidance states:

‘...elected members and unauthorised staff should not under any circumstances play a part in deciding the outcome of individual challenges or representations. This is to ensure that only fully trained staff make decisions on the facts presented.’

Our policies will reflect the above

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Contraventions



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And finally....

Any comments/questions?

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