

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives (delete as appropriate):	<p>People This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p> <p>Place This priority focuses on the standard of the built environment and our neighbourhoods and ensuring our towns and villages are safe and clean.</p>
Contribution to the Council's parking policies:	We will seek to develop and implement parking solutions that reflect local needs.
Consultation:	<p>A survey of East Herts residents undertaken in late 2011 confirmed broad public support for traffic management and enforcement measures that would promote the safety related aspects of Civil Parking Enforcement. It is suggested that if used appropriately vehicle removals can help promote this objective.</p> <p>Member approval for the implementation of this service was given through the 2012/13 MTFP process.</p>
Legal:	<p>The removal of vehicles for enforcement purposes is governed by Statute, Regulation and Guidance as identified in the report.</p> <p>Statutory Guidance requires a clear policy framework to be adopted by a local authority before undertaking vehicle removals.</p>
Financial:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional provision of £20,000 per annum has been made for the procurement of a vehicle removal service in East Herts.• The cost of hire of a removals vehicle through NSL would be approximately £440 a day and storage at NSL's vehicle pound would be at a daily cost to East Herts of £35 for a minimum of one month across a year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The maximum charges to the motorist for recovery of a removed vehicle are set by the DfT. These are currently: £105 for vehicle retrieval £12 a day for storage £50 for vehicle disposal (plus payment of the penalty charge). <p>Whilst revenue generated from the above will offset the cost of providing the service, the true cost is unlikely to be confirmed until up to one year of operations has been completed. For this reason Members will be asked to set the maximum charges as listed above in the Council's forthcoming Fees and Charges report.</p> <p>The Parking Service will monitor the cost of providing the service against revenue raised to ensure it remains compliant with Statutory Guidance in subsequent years.</p>
Human Resource:	N/A
Risk Management:	<p>The removal of vehicles, even on the basis of the priority list suggested in this report, is likely to attract media and public interest.</p> <p>A fast track statutory representations and appeals process exists for motorists who wish to challenge the removal of their vehicle under TMA 2004 powers.</p>