

SCRUTINY REMIT:

Parking Enforcement Contract Procurement Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

OBJECTIVE:

To allow Members to inform the operation of the Council’s parking enforcement service over the period 2019-2024 by confirming our enforcement priorities for the coming years.

BACKGROUND:

The Council’s parking enforcement contract is about to be re-tendered, with a commencement date of 16 January 2019.

Officers want to gain from the experiences of the twelve years since parking enforcement in East Herts was ‘decriminalised’ to craft a contract that meets the changing needs of the district for the next 5+ years.

Members play an important community leadership and representative role and are ideally placed to reflect the views of East Herts residents and our business community. Accordingly they are invited to contribute to the process of crafting the next generation contract, primarily by confirming the Council’s enforcement priorities.

EXAMPLE OF QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED:

- Should we place greater emphasis on enforcement of the evening economy?
- Do areas around schools need greater enforcement attention?
- What attention should be given to on-street enforcement versus car park enforcement and do we have any priorities within each area?
- Would ANPR equipped vehicles be an appropriate enforcement tool, albeit in the limited circumstances permitted in law?
- Should the council accept requests for enforcement from members of the public and if so, under what circumstances?

OUTCOMES:

- A contract (and therefore a parking enforcement service) that is fit for purpose and which reflects the changing nature of our communities.
- A service that provides our residents with value for money.

CONSTRAINTS:

- Members are not being asked to write the contract specification but rather will be invited to identify the Council’s enforcement priorities for the next five+ years
- Many aspects of the parking enforcement function are governed by statute or codes of practice and any proposed changes will have to conform to these (and to relevant EHDC policy).
- The Council’s budget for the parking enforcement contract is fixed and some solutions may not be feasible on cost grounds.

WITNESSES (individuals)

- Andrew Pulham – Parking Manager
- HCC Highways (TBA)
- Another Hertfordshire parking manager (TBA)
- Council’s consultant assisting with the preparation and retendering of the contract. (Mr Peter Lowe – RTA Associates Ltd).

EVIDENCE (i.e. organisations e.g. HCS)

- Town Councils
- Chambers of Trade

METHOD:

Task & Finish Group
 Three fortnightly meetings (Evenings)
 One meeting with external witnesses (daytime) TBC

MEMBERSHIP:	
Jonathan Kaye (Chair)	Holly Drake
Mark Pope	George Cutting
Jeff Jones	Ian Devonshire
Colin Woodward	

SUPPORT:	
Scrutiny Officer:	Fiona Corcoran
Lead Officers:	Andrew Pulham

EHC Corporate Priorities:
 how this item helps deliver the Priorities *delete as appropriate*

Priority 2 - Enhance the quality of people's lives	Attractive places
	Future development best meets the need of the district and its residents
Priority 3 - Enable a flourishing local economy	Support for our businesses and the local economy
	Vibrant town centres
	Working with others, to have achieved the right infrastructure for our businesses and communities

CfPS ACCOUNTABILITY OBJECTIVES: *delete as appropriate*

- 1. Transparent – opening up data, information and governance**
- 2. Inclusive – listening, understanding and changing**
- 3. Accountable – demonstrating credibility**