

Agenda item:

Decision maker: Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation
8th November 2012

Subject: Parking Operations Annual Report, Accounts and Parking Reserve Statement

Report by: Head of Transport & Environment

Wards affected: All

Key decision (over £250k): No

1. Purpose of report

1.1 To comply with the recommendation from the Secretary of State an annual report needs to be submitted to the Department for Transport. It also contains useful information for Members and residents.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the report be noted.

2.2 That a copy of the report be submitted to the Department for Transport, Traffic Penalty Tribunal and elected Members.

3. Background

3.1 The parking section has submitted an annual report for several years as good practice. Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 came into operation on 31st March 2008. This required every authority in England and Wales which has adopted decriminalised enforcement powers to submit an annual report.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 To comply with the recommendation from the Secretary of State.

4.2 To keep Members and residents informed.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

5.1 This is a report on the parking operations in the last financial year. Therefore an EIA is not relevant.

6. Head of legal services' comments

6.1 The report is in line with good practice as recommended by the DfT. There are no legal implications at this time.

7. Head of Finance's comments

7.1 The Parking Operations Annual report provides a useful summary of the operation. It also highlights the pressure that the Off Street operation is facing in terms of the budget that it has to operate within. For several years now there has been a shortfall between the budget set and the financial results achieved. This shortfall is increasing each year as revenues fall. Currently work is being undertaken to understand and also mitigate this loss against the budget. In the period that this report covers the shortfall was an amount in excess of £500k.

7.2 Additionally whilst the on street parking operation continues to generate a healthy operating surplus, the calls on the Off Street reserve (the recipient of any surpluses) are now greater than the annual amount going into the reserve. As a result the reserve balance is diminishing and is currently forecast to cease to exist in the next two years. At this point the annual demands will exceed the funds available. Currently work is being carried out to reduce the demands on the reserve alongside work being carried out to increase the operating surplus.

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Appendices:

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Annual report Parking Operations 11/12	Parking Office

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by the Cabinet Member for Traffic & Transportation on 8th November 2012.

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