

Report for Resolution

Report to Norwich Highways Agency committee
26 January 2012

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Report of Head of city development services

Subject Civil Enforcement Parking Policy

Purpose

To update Norwich City Council Parking Policy and ensure our practice is compatible with civil enforcement throughout Norfolk.

Recommendations

The committee adopts the Norwich Civil Parking Enforcement Policy, January 2012.

Financial Consequences

The financial consequences of this report are none.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The report helps to meet the strategic priority “Strong and prosperous city – working to improve quality of life for residents, visitors and those who work in the city now and in the future” and the service plan priority to manage the provision of on-street and off-street parking enforcement.

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Background Documents

Norfolk Parking Partnership Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance manual.

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Background

1. Parking Services has carried out civil enforcement of parking restrictions in Norwich since 2002.
2. Due to legislation changes and to clarify the council stance on enforcement it is now appropriate to update our Parking Policy.
3. On 7 November 2011 Norfolk Parking Partnership (NPP) began civil enforcement of parking restrictions in the whole of Norfolk except for Norwich.
4. NPP have adopted a Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance Manual which gives their statement of intent, enforcement procedures and decisions on parking charge notice (PCN) discretions.
5. Norwich is part of Norfolk Parking Partnership (NPP) and has been working with Norfolk County Council in preparation for civil enforcement in Norfolk. During this process Norwich officers have assisted with the development of the Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance Manual.

The way forward

6. It would be beneficial to the public for enforcement of parking restrictions in the whole of Norfolk to be uniform.
7. To achieve this it is suggested Norwich should adopt a new parking policy that states our intent for enforcement and our acceptance of the NPP Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance Manual.
8. A copy of the Norwich City Council Parking Enforcement Policy can be found in appendix A.
9. A copy of the Norfolk Parking Partnership Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance Manual can be viewed on Norfolk County Council web page <http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/view/ncc095645>

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Statement of Intent

Norwich City Council will enforce parking regulations fairly, lawfully and without discrimination. It will organise this enforcement in a manner that is proportionate to the need for traffic management in Norwich.

Civil Parking Enforcement

In partnership with Norfolk Parking Partnership, Norwich City Council will adopt the Norfolk Parking Partnership Civil Parking Enforcement Guidance Manual November 2011 and any subsequent amendments.