

	<h2>Environment Committee</h2> <h3>8 November 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Annual Parking - 2015/16</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Commissioning Director for Environment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Urgent</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Key</p>	<p>No</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A: 2015/16 Annual Parking Report</p>
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Summary

The 2015/16 annual parking report has been developed to inform Members of the Council, residents and business' of the parking activity which has taken place over the financial year, 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016, including information about our services, policies and finances as well as future initiatives for the Parking service.

The report includes information on the services in place to support vulnerable Barnet residents; including Blue Badges, Designated Disabled Bays, Taxi Cards and Freedom Passes. The report also contains information on work we have undertaken with the community, as well as information and statistics on enforcement and details of technology based initiatives which have been implemented including MyAccount and parking sensor technology. Finally, financial data for 2015/16 including information on fees and charges and details on future service initiatives and are also presented.

Guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to s.87 of The Traffic Management Act 2004 states that each local authority with Civil Parking Enforcement should produce an Annual Report about their enforcement activities covering financial and statistical data.

This information also needs to be published annually on the Council's website (or provide a link to a place on their website to this data if published elsewhere) in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014.

Therefore, following approval the 2015/16 Annual Parking Report will be published on the council's website.

Recommendations

- 1. That Environment Committee approves the 2015/16 Annual Parking Report**
- 2. That Environment Committee note that once the 2015/16 Annual Parking Report has been designed it will be published on the Council's website**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Barnet is now the largest borough in London in terms of its population; it has the second highest level of traffic in terms of vehicle distance travelled together with the third highest total road length and the longest distance of TfL roads. The parking service is a vital service for the Borough enabling the safe and effective management of Barnet's road space and off street parking resource.
- 1.2 The guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to s.87 of The Traffic Management Act 2004 states that each local authority with Civil Parking Enforcement should produce an Annual Report about their enforcement activities covering financial and statistical data.
- 1.3 The council is a Civil Enforcement Authority under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and is therefore required to produce an annual report. Additionally, the Council is taking steps to increase transparency and the level of data available to residents and business'. Thus, the 2015/16 annual parking report has been produced.
- 1.4 The 2015/16 annual parking report can be seen in Appendix A.
- 1.5 Once the content of the 2015/16 annual parking report has been agreed the report shall be designed into a user friendly document before being published on the Council's website.
- 1.6 The report has been developed to inform Members of the Council, residents and business' of the parking activity which have taken place over the financial year, 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016, including information about our services, policies and finances as well as future initiatives for the Parking service.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Environment Committee approves the 2015/16 annual parking report. This will enable the report to be published on the council website, providing data and information to members, residents and business' on the parking activity within the last financial year (in line with The Traffic Management Act 2004).

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The Committee could choose to not approve and publish the 2015/16 annual parking report, however as this is a legal requirement (Traffic Management Act 2004 and the report contains information that the Council is required to publish under Part 2 of the Local Government Transparency Code 2014) it is advised that this option is not considered.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If the recommendation is approved the 2015/16 annual parking report will be designed into a user friendly document and then be published on the Council website.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2015 – 2020 states in its strategic objectives that it will work with partners to create the right environment to promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough. We want to ensure that the borough continues to be a place where people aspire to live.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 The finances in 2015/16 are outlined within the report. Authorisation for spend and reporting of spend will have been undertaken in line with the council budget monitoring and reporting process.

- 5.2.2 Resources for future initiatives or projects noted in the annual parking report will follow the council processes and as necessary will be reported at a later date.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2013 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. This report does not relate to the procurement of services contracts.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 and guidance issued under section 87 of the Act by the Secretary of State for Transport states that each local authority with Civil Parking Enforcement should produce an Annual Parking Report about their enforcement activities. This includes financial information about the total income and expenditure on the parking account, breakdown by source of the income, the surplus/deficit on the parking account and how any surplus is to be spent. The local authority is also required to provide statistical information regarding the number and type of penalty charge notices issued.
- 5.4.2 The Annual Parking Report also contains information which the Council is required to publish annually on its website, (or provide a link to a place on their website to this data if published elsewhere), under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014.
- 5.4.3 The Council's Constitution (Part 15, Responsibility for Functions, Annex A) gives the Environment Committee specific responsibilities for commissioning in relation to Streetscene including pavements and all classes of roads, parking provision and enforcement, and transport and traffic management.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 There are no risks associated with the parking annual report. Risks for individual initiatives and actions will have been gathered, monitored and reported as part of the councils risk management framework.
- 5.5.2 At this stage there are no risks which need to be raised or addressed for the future initiatives or projects noted in the annual parking report. These initiatives will monitor and report any risks as necessary.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 The Public Sector Equalities Duty under section 149(1) of the Equalities Act 2010, requires the Authority, in the exercise of its functions to, have regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons, who share relevant protected characteristics and persons who do not share them.
- 5.6.2 Having due regards means the need to (a) remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share relevant protected characteristics that are connected to those characteristics (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share relevant protected characteristics that are different from the needs of people who do not share (c) encourage persons who share relevant protected characteristics to participate in public life in any other activity in which participation by such person's is disproportionately low.
- 5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics area age, disability, gender

reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or beliefs, sex and sexual orientation.

5.6.4 The annual parking report makes clear at section 3 that equality impacts are taken into account in parking services. At this stage there are no equality impacts which need to be raised or addressed. Individual initiatives or projects noted in the annual parking report will assess any equality impacts as necessary.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 There is no intention to undertake any consultation. However the report will be published on the Barnet council website.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 No specific insight has been undertaken in order to inform the decision. Data and Statistics contained within the report have been sought from a number of existing reports or data sources.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None