

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Meeting date: 24 November 2022

From: Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure

PARKING SERVICES UPDATE

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report provides an update to Members on the enforcement of on-street parking in the South Lakeland Local Committee area.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *The Management of Parking contributes to achieving the aims of the Moving Cumbria Forward: Cumbria Transport Plan Strategy 2011 – 2026 and specifically supports delivery of the Council plan 2018 -2022*

- *People in Cumbria are healthy and safe.*
- *Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving.*
- *The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone.*

2.2 *There are no equality implication arising out this report and parking management policies, and procedures take account of the needs of people with impaired mobility.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *It is recommended that members note the report as an update on the performance of the on-street parking enforcement service in the South Lakeland locality.*

3.2 *It is recommended that members note the Parking Services annual report 2021/22.*

3.3 *It is also recommended that members identify any ongoing issues with enforcement and parking management in their divisions so that these can be considered in making improvements to the service.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The service's key aims and objectives are to:

- Manage parking to improve road safety and traffic movement.
- Issue resident's and visitor's parking permits for approximately 4000 properties in the South Lakeland locality in addition to contractor's waivers and carers permits.
- Manage available parking to the benefit of the local economy and community.
- Cover the costs enforcement, including parking restriction signs and lines, from Penalty Charge Notices (PCN) income.
- Provide a better understood service and improved public facing role for Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) who act as ambassadors on behalf of the Council.

4.2 The majority of off-street parking enforcement still rests with the district councils and appropriate land owners. CEOs enforce parking restrictions where Traffic Regulation Orders are in force. Elsewhere, where parking causes an obstruction of the highway, the Police are responsible for enforcement as dangerous parking and moving traffic offences.

4.3 A total of 8694 PCNs were issued for on-street parking contraventions in the South Lakeland Locality during 2021/22 and the table below provides a monthly breakdown of this total.

Month	Penalty Charge Notices issued
April 2021	387
May 2021	404
June 2021	775
July 2021	751
August 2021	862
September 2021	799
October 2021	689
November 2021	767
December 2021	762
January 2022	1019
February 2021	709
March 2021	770

- 4.4 In 2022/23 to date a total of 6780 PCNs have been issued for on-street parking contraventions in the South Lakeland locality.

Month	Penalty Charge Notices issued
April 2022	1062
May 2022	1080
June 2022	1133
July 2022	988
August 2022	1459
September 2022	1058

- 4.5 In the South Lakeland Locality the Parking Services team (the Team) consists of 8.4 full-time CEOs. In addition, an operational Parking Team Leader covers both the South Lakeland and Barrow localities and is tasked to liaise with the local communities to address parking concerns and provide a first point of contact for members queries.
- 4.6 The Team deals with a number of requests for services and complaints from residents, businesses, visitors and other stakeholders concerning parking related issues which are dealt with in a timely manner. Queries are also received from councillors, Members of Parliament, the media and other partners.
- 4.7 The team regularly receives reports regarding inconsiderate parking outside Schools which creates potential safety issues for children and other road users. CEOs visited a number of areas across the locality to carry out patrols in accordance with the school's protocol, developed at the Collision Reduction and safer Highways Group (CRASH).
- 4.8 The team continues to issue PCNs relating to the misuse of Blue Badges and reports instances of abuse to the Blue Badge team.
- 4.9 The Parking Services Annual Report 2021/22 provides an overview of on-street and selected off-street parking enforcement across Cumbria between 01 of April 2021 and 31 of March 2022.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members note the content of the report and make any comments on the report.
- 5.2 Members provide comments and feedback on parking enforcement issues in their area.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from the recommendations to note this report and the accompanying Annual Report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct legal implications for the Local Committee.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Members' comments and feedback on the Service are invited.

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22 November 2022

APPENDICES

Electoral Division(s): All South Lakeland

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

Cabinet 15 May 2014 – Decision to bring parking enforcement in-house.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by the Overview and scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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