

Rother District Council

Report to:	Cabinet
Date:	6 November 2023
Title:	East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Parking Board Representation
Report of:	Deborah Kenneally, Head of Neighbourhood Services
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Timpe
Ward(s):	ALL
Purpose of Report:	To advise on the formulation of a CPE Parking Board and agree the Council's representative.
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Officer	
Recommendation(s):	It be RESOLVED : That the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Parking, Councillor Timpe, be appointed to the East Sussex County Council's Civil Parking Enforcement Parking Board.
Reasons for Recommendation:	To ensure that Rother District Council is represented on the ESCC CPE Parking Board to ensure the ethos under which the CPE scheme is operated takes account of local circumstances and needs and keeps the Cabinet informed on relevant matters.

Introduction

1. As Members may be aware, across East Sussex there are four areas of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) which were introduced several years apart; Hastings Borough 1999, Lewes District 2004, Eastbourne Borough 2008 and Rother District joining most recently in 2020.
2. Initially East Sussex County Council (ESCC) established two separate Joint Parking Boards that met twice a year with Hastings Borough and Lewes District Councils.
3. With the introduction of CPE into Rother District in September 2020 and Eastbourne Borough requesting to establish a Parking Board, ESCC are creating one Parking Board to include all areas with CPE. This will ensure that ESCC look at the county as a whole, where appropriate, have a consistent approach across all areas and make best use of the time of all those attending.
4. The boards are comprised of County, District, and Borough Councillors and officers, although they do not have any executive decision-making powers.

5. The Council is therefore invited to confirm its representative on the Parking Board and it is recommended that this be the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Parking, currently Councillor Timpe.

Supporting Information

6. The initial role of the Joint Parking Boards was to ensure the ethos under which the CPE scheme is operated takes account of local circumstances and needs, ensure the appropriate public and stakeholder consultation is undertaken where relevant and to keep the relevant executives of both Councils informed on relevant matters.
7. The legislation that covers CPE is the Traffic Management Act 2004. In the statutory Guidance for local authorities on enforcing parking restrictions it emphasises the importance of dialogue and joint activities with other authorities and services. ESCC is committed to open dialogue and receiving suggestions from the borough and district councils for improvements to ESCC's on-street parking schemes.
8. Joint parking boards also give the councils attending the opportunity to update each other about changes in their area, national legislation, developments in enforcement and innovations to services.
9. It is proposed to hold one collective meeting for all CPE areas, twice a year (May and November) with representatives from all four CPE areas in attendance. The meeting in May will receive service updates and enforcement activity reports and November will include a review of the Annual Parking Report and financial performance, starting in 2024.
10. Having one collective meeting will maintain ESCC's engagement with borough and district councils and allow for consistent scrutiny of all the parking schemes. Whilst also making the most efficient use of Members' and officer time.

Conclusion

11. Cabinet is requested to approve that the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Parking, currently Councillor Timpe, be confirmed as this Council's appointed representative to the ESCC Parking Board.

Other Implications	Applies?	Other Implications	Applies?
Human Rights	No	Equalities and Diversity	No
Crime and Disorder	No	External Consultation	No
Environmental	No	Access to Information	No
Risk Management	No	Exempt from publication	No

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Relevant Previous Minutes:	N/A
Background Papers:	N/A
Reference Documents:	N/A