

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

6th June 2019

REVIEW OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT – PROPOSED SCRUTINY REVIEW

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Julian Grubb, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Heads of Service	Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services and Head of Environmental Services
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received from Councillor Mark Shurmer to review the Council's contract for parking enforcement. The Committee is invited to consider whether this subject is appropriate for scrutiny and, if so, the method of review that should be adopted.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve one of the following options:

- 1) a Task Group be established to investigate the Council's parking enforcement contract.
- 2) a Short, Sharp Review be established to investigate the Council's parking enforcement contract.
- 3) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should review the subject of the Council's parking enforcement contract at consecutive Committee meetings.
- 4) An alternative approach to scrutiny, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.

3. KEY ISSUES

Background

- 3.1 All Members are entitled to suggest items for scrutiny. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee determines whether particular topics should be the subject of a scrutiny investigation and the method of review that should be adopted.

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- 3.2 Overview and Scrutiny investigations can focus on any issues that have implications for local communities.

Financial Implications

- 3.3 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

Legal Implications

- 3.4 There are no specific legal implications.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.5 Wychavon District council provides a parking enforcement service on behalf of Redditch Borough Council. Worcestershire County Council and West Mercia Police also have roles and responsibilities in respect of the public highways and parking enforcement. Therefore it is likely that any review of this subject would require consultation with partner organisations.
- 3.6 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note that as agreed in 2016/17 whilst meetings of the working groups continue to take place there are only sufficient officer resources to facilitate one Task Group or Short Sharp Review at any one time. The Suicide Prevention Short Sharp Review is due to be launched in June 2019. The Committee should therefore note that a separate review of the Council's parking enforcement contract by a scrutiny Task Group or short Sharp Review Group could not be launched until the review of suicide prevention has been completed..

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 3.8 No specific implications have been identified.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

No specific risks have been identified.

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