

**PARKING ENFORCEMENT TASK GROUP – COVERING REPORT**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Julian Grubb, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Regulatory Services
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No
Relevant Head of Service	Guy Revans, Head of Environmental and Housing Property Services
Ward(s) Affected	No specific ward relevance.
Non-Key Decision	

**1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

This report provides an overview of the findings of the Parking Enforcement Task Group. More detailed information about the evidence basis for the group's recommendations can be found in the group's final report attached at Appendix 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** that

- 1) **at a meeting of Worcestershire Leaders' Board, the Leader should raise the need to introduce Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for all zigzag road markings outside schools in the county. As part of this process the Leader should request that Worcestershire County Council write to the Secretary of State for Transport to request that additional, ring-fenced funding be provided to Worcestershire County Council that can be invested in introducing these additional TROs;**
- 2) **Officers from Redditch Borough Council work with Worcestershire County Council, local schools and West Mercia Police to develop a strategy to tackle problem parking near schools;**
- 3) **all Worcestershire County Councillors representing a Redditch division should be provided with a copy of the group's final report to facilitate a discussion of this subject at a Redditch Highways Forum meeting;**
- 4) **training in respect of parking enforcement arrangements in the Borough should be provided in a single training session each municipal year as part of the member induction programme. New elected Members should be offered the opportunity to shadow a Civil Parking Enforcement Officer.**

**The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND**

- 5) that, subject to the successful implementation of Recommendation 1 above, Redditch Borough Council should fund an additional Civil Enforcement Officer post dedicated to enforcement action around schools, to work term-time only; and**
- 6) to Worcestershire County Council, that the need for road markings to be replaced as soon as possible after resurfacing work has been undertaken should be discussed at a forthcoming Redditch Highways Forum meeting.**

**3. KEY ISSUES**

**Background**

- 3.1 In April 2019 the Audit Governance and Standards Committee discussed issues that had been raised by residents living in a number of wards in respect of parking in the Borough. Members agreed to refer this issue for the consideration of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Councillor Mark Shurmer, Vice Chair of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee and a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, presented a scoping document which proposed a review of parking enforcement arrangements in the Borough. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to launch this review.
- 3.3 Councillor Mark Shurmer was appointed to Chair the review, with Councillors Salman Akbar, Joanne Beecham and Jenny Wheeler also being appointed to this group.
- 3.4 Over the course of five months the group gathered evidence from a variety of sources including Council officers, elected Members, external partner organisations and national publications. The recommendations detailed in the group's final report are based on the evidence that was gathered.
- 3.5 During the period November 2019 to January 2020 the group did not hold any meetings. This pause in the work of the group occurred during the general election campaign of December 2019 and due to other commitments at the start of the year. The group agreed their final recommendations in February 2020 and their report was completed the following month. However, due to the recent Covid-19 outbreak and lockdown it has not been possible until now to present the group's final report for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

- 3.6 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will receive the group's report at a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. At the time of writing the Committee's response to the group's findings remained to be confirmed.

**Financial Implications**

- 3.7 All the financial implications arising from the group's recommendations are detailed in the final report.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.8 All the legal implications arising from the group's proposals are detailed in the final report.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.9 The group has proposed recommendations that are designed to ensure that the parking enforcement service in Redditch meets the needs of local residents.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.10 The report focuses on the group's key findings in respect of parking enforcement in the Borough of Redditch. The recommendations detailed in the report are designed to address a problem that has been reported by many residents to local Members.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

No specific risks have been identified.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Parking Enforcement Task Group's final report and appendices.

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