

COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (CUSTOMERS AND PARTNERSHIPS)

CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1 The Panel discussed the Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) report at its meeting on 4th February 2021.
- 4.2 Members have emphasised that once the Council begins to operate CPE, the Council must continue to work with the local constabulary to continue to enforce dangerous parking which cannot be addressed within CPE legislation.
- 4.3 The Panel is of the view that the various options for the operational configuration of the new service have different strengths. The Panel confirmed their support for an in-house service. When the initial implementation period is complete (two years after go live), the Panel agreed that the Council should re-consider the full range of options to ensure the most efficient and effective solution for Huntingdonshire. All options are subject to the same legislative controls. Any evaluation should include reputational considerations.
- 4.4 Members recommend that the new arrangements should include measures to ensure rural areas of the District receive an appropriate level of parking enforcement and recognised that these would be presented for consideration within the Enforcement Policies developed within the implementation project.
- 4.5 It was suggested that the Council should continue to make the best use of the experiences of other similar profiled local authorities in order to achieve the best service outcomes for the District.
- 4.6 The Panel commented that they understand the need for fair and consistent enforcement, as it is important for enforcement officers to be consistent, it is recognised that this would be reflected within the future Enforcement Policy and appeals procedures.
- 4.7 The Panel welcomes the initiative and encourages the Cabinet to endorse the recommendations contained within the report.