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Key Decision:	No
Report Track:	

JOINT PARKING COMMITTEE**17 JULY 2013****CPE PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL – JUNE 2013****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on the progress of Civil Parking Enforcement in the first quarter of the financial year 2013-2014.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the contents of the report be noted.

3 Key Issues and Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) was introduced under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and transferred the responsibility for the enforcement of non-endorsable on-street parking offences from the police to the local traffic authority. This enabled Staffordshire County Council to apply to the Secretary of State for orders for Civil Parking Enforcement within the areas of Cannock, Lichfield, South Staffordshire and Tamworth thus covering the whole of the county area (the tranche 1 authorities having gone live in 2008).
- 3.2 In 2008, the four Tranche 2 authorities signed a Partnership Agreement with the County Council, which imposed the responsibility for the delivery of CPE in Southern Staffordshire, including; front line enforcement, undertaken by a team of Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO's) from APCOA Parking UK Limited, the selected enforcement provider; and, back office notice processing contracted to Stoke on Trent City Council, who are working in partnership across Staffordshire. The CPE service commenced on 23rd March 2009 enabling the Council's to enforce both on and off street parking contraventions.

- 3.3 Tranche 2 CPE authorities are Cannock Chase District Council along with three partner authorities – Lichfield District Council, South Staffordshire District Council and Tamworth Borough Council.
- 3.4 Cannock Chase Council undertakes the role of Lead Authority for the Partnership to ensure that the contract is administered correctly for all partners.
- 3.5 The CPE process live date was on 23rd March 2009.

4 Relationship to Corporate Priorities

5 Report Detail

- 5.1 Results of the CPE process i.e. Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) issued and cancelled are summarised in Annex 1 for the period 1st April 2013 – 30th June 2013 [page 5].
- 5.2 Results of the CPE process i.e. Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) issued and cancelled are summarised in Annex 5 for the period 1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014 – Tables 1 and 2 [page 6].
- 5.3 Figures given in the tables in Annex 1 and Annex 5 are taken from the CITRIX back office system on the 15th day of each month following or as near to that date as is practical to meet the committee deadline. This date was agreed to enable all partners in tranche 2 to be consistent in their reporting.
- 5.4 Figures for June 2013 were taken as of the 8th July in order to produce this report in a timely manner.
- 5.5 The year end figures can be seen in Annex 5, which shows an average cancellation rate of 18% for the year so far, of which 9% were cancelled for Blue Badge Holders who had failed to display their badges correctly. As previously described the Staffordshire countywide policy states that where Blue Badge Holders have displayed their badge incorrectly, they will have the first offence cancelled. The overall cancellation rate for May is higher than other months due to a number of PCN's being cancelled in the miscellaneous category. These were cancelled as "No Trace" whereby all avenues have been pursued for payment but the registered keeper of the vehicle can not be traced. These are usually returned in batches, hence the "one off" increase in this category.
- 5.6 In comparison with the first quarter of last year (2012/13) the number of PCN's issued has increased from 1592 to 1822, an increase of 230 (14%).

6 Implications**6.1 Financial**

There are no direct Financial Implications to the Council from this report, as any surplus or deficits go through Staffordshire County Council.

6.2 Legal

None

6.3 Human Resources

None

6.4 Section 17 (Crime Prevention)

None

6.5 Human Rights Act

None

6.6 Data Protection

None

6.7 Risk Management

Close monitoring is required of CPE performance against the budget.

6.8 Equality & Diversity**6.9 Best Value**

None

7 Appendices to the Report

Appendix 1: Table 1 = Summary of PCN's issued (1st April 2013 – 30th June 2013)

Table 2 = Summary of PCN's cancelled (1st April 2013 – 30th June 2013)

Appendix 2: Table 1 = Summary of PCN's issued (1st July 2013 – 30th September 2013)

Table 2 = Summary of PCN's cancelled (1st July 2013 – 30th September 2013)

Appendix 3: Table 1 = Summary of PCN's issued (1st October 2013 – 31st December 2013)

Table 2 = Summary of PCN's cancelled (1st October 2013 – 31st December 2013)

Appendix 4: Table 1 = Summary of PCN's issued (1st January 2014 – 31st March 2014)

Table 2 = Summary of PCN's cancelled (1st January 2014 – 31st March 2014)

Appendix 5: Table 1 = Summary of PCN's issued (1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014)

Table 2 = Summary of PCN's cancelled (1st April 2013 – 31st March 2014)

Previous Consideration

Cabinet Report

Background Papers

None

APPENDIX 1

Table 1. The table below provides information relating to Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) that have been issued for both on and off street contraventions from 1st April 2013 to 30th June 2013.

	April 2013		May 2013		June 2013		Total	
PCN's Issued	631	100%	569	100%	622	100%	1822	100%
Productive PCN's	529	84%	441	78%	521	84%	1491	82%
Cancelled PCN's	102	16%	128	22%	101	16%	331	18%

Table 2. Breakdown of all cancelled tickets from 1st April 2013 to 30th June 2013.

	April 2013		May 2013		June 2013		Total	
PCN's Issued	631	100%	569	100%	622	100%	1822	100%
Cancellation Reason								
Displaying of Blue Badge	46	7.5%	58	10%	55	9%	159	9%
Displaying of P&D Ticket	26	4%	34	6%	25	4%	85	4.5%
Equipment Faults	3	0.5%	3	0.5%	3	0.5%	9	0.5%
Signs & Lines & TRO's	0	0%	0	0%	2	0.25%	2	0%
Loading & Unloading	4	0.5%	6	1%	5	0.75%	15	0.75%
Miscellaneous Reasons	8	1%	21	3.5%	4	0.5%	33	1.75%
Equipment Test Tickets (PCN's)	6	1%	0	0%	0	0%	6	0.25%
CEO Ticket (PCN) Errors	9	1.5%	6	1%	7	1%	22	1.25%
Cancelled PCN's Total	102	16%	128	22%	101	16%	331	18%

APPENDIX 2

Table 1. The table below provides information relating to Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) that have been issued for both on and off street contraventions from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.

	Total	Total
PCN's Issued	1822	100%
Productive PCN's	1491	82%
Cancelled PCN's	331	18%

Table 2. Breakdown of all cancelled tickets from 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

	Total	Total
PCN's Issued	1822	100%
Cancellation Reason		
Displaying of Blue Badge	159	9%
Displaying of P&D Ticket	85	4.5%
Equipment Faults	9	0.5%
Signs & Lines & TRO's	2	0%
Loading & Unloading	15	0.75%
Miscellaneous Reasons	33	1.75%
Equipment Test Tickets (PCN's)	6	0.25%
CEO Ticket (PCN) Errors	22	1.25%
Cancelled PCN's Total	331	18%