

REPORT

SUBJECT:	CONSOLIDATION ORDER ASSOCIATED WITH CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT.
MEETING:	Individual Cabinet Member (Operations Portfolio)
DATE:	10th April 2019
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	COUNTY WIDE

1. PURPOSE:

There are numerous individual traffic orders which have been introduced in the county over many years. To facilitate the management of the Civil Parking Enforcement role being transferred from Gwent Police all of the existing traffic orders are combined into a single (consolidated) order. This report seeks approval for the Authority to advertise a Consolidation Order in advance of the commencement of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in Monmouthshire.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 To note the content of the report.
- 2.2 That Legal Services proceed with the advertisement of the statutory Notice of Intention.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 The Authority's application to Welsh Government requesting powers to undertake CPE is currently being considered, with a likely commencement date of 08 April 2019.
- 3.2 Ideally the consolidated order would be in place before the 8th April but there is significant work to get the order prepared and the signs and lines are presently being refreshed/renewed. The order may be enforced two weeks after advertising (with the notice being advertised in the local press on the 10th and 11th April (depending on the publication) to ensure that there are no delays in the Authority being able to undertake enforcement – should approval not be granted then the consolidated order will not be enacted and enforcement of any/all parking restrictions delayed until such time as this has been approved).
- 3.3 Practically this means that the new order may be enforced as from Monday 29th April.
- 3.4 Where other authorities have rolled out CPE 'good practice' has been to issue advisory (polite) notices for two to three weeks before issuing penalty notices. This coincides with the consolidated order coming into effect.

3.5 *Any additions to the extent of the order or changes to the existing order are empowered by an Amendment to the Consolidated Order rather than through the creation of various new orders.*

4. Equality and Future Generations Evaluation (Includes Social Justice, Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting)

To create a new Traffic order an Individual Cabinet Member decision is sought. Technically this is a new order so a decision is sought but practically there is no change to the orders that are already in place. As there is no practical change for the citizens, motorists etc. an EFGE is not considered appropriate to this decision so the form is not completed.

5. Options Appraisal

The consolidated order brings existing traffic orders together into one order rather than seeking a decision to introduce a new order or remove/amend an existing order.

Therefore, the options are to approve or not approve the consolidated order.

The preparation of the order is a commitment to WG so not to approve the consolidated order would preclude the CPE proceeding.

6. Evaluation Criteria

Monmouthshire County Council has taken thorough steps to ensure that the restrictions included in the Consolidation Order match the restrictions in situ at the time of advertisement. CPE will be continually monitored to determine levels of compliance and identify any anomalies that occur in the future and will address these as a matter of priority to minimise financial and operational impacts to the CPE service.

In broader terms the budget will be monitored as part of the corporate financial monitoring process. Reports on the performance on matters such as number of tickets issued and where issued will be produced as members require

7. Reasons

7.1 The authority has already approved that Monmouthshire CC take on the role of Civil Parking Enforcement within the county and application made to Welsh Government to achieve this. This report ensures that the commitment to create a consolidated order is in place. Previous reports have given approval for new staffing structures and staff to fill the new posts are being recruited along with all necessary equipment, software etc. is being purchased.

7.2 As part of the application process to adopt CPE, Monmouthshire County Council gave a commitment to review its current Traffic Regulation Orders to ensure that they were fit for purpose. The purpose of subsequently consolidating the Orders is to provide a more efficient system of administration and enforcement.

- 7.3 The Monmouthshire County Council's Corporate Plan includes proposed actions to improve accessibility and safety to all residents and support business growth. These aims rely on benefiting from an efficient and effective highway network. The ability to enforce traffic regulations via CPE will contribute to the achievement of this goal.
- 7.4 Acquiring CPE powers will allow the Council to tackle wider transport and environmental issues such as traffic congestion, road safety and to safeguard the interests of residents, blue badge holders, transport operators and local businesses.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The cost of advertising and making the Consolidation Order will be met from existing highway budgets.

9. CONSULTEES:

SLT
Enterprise DMT
Cabinet members

To be completed

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Traffic Regulation & Speed Limit Consolidation Order 2019

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