

EX108. POLICE SCOTLAND PROPOSALS TO WITHDRAW THE TRAFFIC WARDENS SERVICE AND DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT – UPDATE REPORT

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing an update on Police Scotland's proposals to withdraw the traffic warden service.

The Chief Constable of Police Scotland advised Council in 2013 of his intention to withdraw the traffic warden provision from 28 February 2014. Council agreed on 12 March 2014 (ref FC96) to authorise the Director of Development Services to enter into a Service Level Agreement with the Local Area Commander, Police Scotland, to maintain the current service provision. The initial term to 30 June 2015 was subsequently extended to continue indefinitely unless terminated by any of the involved partners.

Police Scotland had now intimated its intention to terminate the agreement with effect from 31 March 2016.

The Executive, in considering Police Scotland's proposed withdrawal and instructed the Director of Development Services on 19 November 2013 (ref EX92) to prepare a business case to support any application to the Scottish Ministers seeking Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) powers.

An application for DPE powers must demonstrate that the scheme can operate on a financially neutral basis by the end of the first 5 years of operation. A review of existing waiting restrictions was also required in order to satisfy Ministers that the DPE could be properly enforced. The business case will be presented to a future meeting of the Executive in order to determine if application for DPE powers should be pursued.

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the report; and**
- (2) that the business case to support any application for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Powers is presented as soon as possible upon conclusion of the remaining tasks to allow a decision to be made on whether an application to Scottish Ministers seeking Decriminalised Parking Enforcement powers should be pursued.**