

EX56. Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services presenting a model for Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in the Falkirk area together with the next steps should it be agreed.

Following withdrawal by Police Scotland of the traffic warden service, the Executive had asked the Director of Development Services to prepare a business case for an application to the Scottish Government for the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) in the Council area. DPE would enable the Council to enforce on-street parking in the area and allow the enforcement of both on-street and off-street parking in a co-ordinated and comprehensive manner. If adopted, Police Scotland would still remain responsible for enforcement of traffic regulations on all publicly adopted roads in the area on the grounds of road safety and for all endorsable offenses such as dangerous parking or obstruction.

The report set out the process for adopting a DPE regime, the options available and the anticipated costs and recommended the adoption of a model which was anticipated to break even in 2 years (excluding capital start up costs) and 20 years (if the set up costs were included).

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) agreed option F from within the business model described in the report;**
- (2) noted the financial implications of the current Decriminalised Parking Enforcement business case;**
- (3) agreed that a phased implementation of traffic signs and road markings remedial works on a priority basis should be undertaken to align with available budgets; and**
- (4) requested further reports giving updates on progress**