

Report to	<b>Cabinet</b>
Date	<b>5 July 2010</b>
Report By	<b>Director of Transport and Environment</b>
Title of Report	<b>Parking Agency Agreement – Hastings</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To advise Cabinet of the proposed arrangements for the future of the Parking Management Agreement in Hastings Borough and the opportunities for future rationalisation.</b>

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Cabinet is recommended to:**

- 1. note the potential efficiency savings generated by terminating the Parking Management Agreement with Hastings Borough Council; and**
  - 2. give authority to complete the detailed business case, including the possible impact on Hastings residents, and negotiate with Hastings Borough Council regarding the possible termination of the Parking Management Agreement and submit a further report to back to Cabinet.**
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**1. Financial Appraisal**

1.1 The current operating costs associated with managing on-street parking in Hastings amounts to £1,221,515 per annum. Following a review of these costs, it is estimated that the County Council could provide similar parking services in Hastings for approximately £1,005,467 per annum, a saving of some £216,048.

**2. Background Information**

2.1 Hastings Borough Council (HBC) currently uses the same enforcement staff and back-office staff to manage on-street parking on our behalf as well as their off-street parking. The Borough Council contributes 25% of the total staff costs reflecting the dual role. This is in contrast to the Eastbourne and Lewes schemes, where enforcement is carried out by a parking contractor (NSL), and notice processing is managed by East Sussex County Council (ESCC) staff from a single office in Eastbourne

2.3 Any surplus revenue generated from on-street parking at the end of the financial year is split equally between the HBC and ESCC and is re-invested in local traffic and Local Transport Plan related improvements in the Borough. HBC are required to seek our approval to the schemes they propose from their share of the surplus.

**3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

3.1 Whilst there is a clear financial case for terminating the Parking Management Agreement with HBC, based on the efficiency savings generated there will be some opportunities for HBC from the additional surplus generated by the termination of the agreements.

3.2 There are benefits to be gained by including the Borough of Hastings in county-wide civil parking enforcement, enabling a single contractor to enforce parking restrictions across the County; and securing a consistent approach to notice processing, debt recovery and customer service through a single parking office.

3.3 This paper seeks authority to work up a detailed business case for possible termination of the Parking Management Agreement with a view to bringing the final decision back to Cabinet.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.