REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL, LICENSING AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Report No. 9

Date of Meeting	3 rd September 2007	
Title of Report	Response to Police letter concerning support of Council Parking Attendants	
Link to Corporate Priorities	To promote vibrant, safe and inclusive communities	
Public Report	Yes	

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To inform the Committee of the Council response to the letter from Wiltshire Police regarding support for Council Parking Attendants.

Officer Recommendations

That the Committee note the report.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.				
Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	Yes	None

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1. Introduction

1.1 This report is prepared by the Senior Parking Officer in conjunction with the Environmental Technician Health and Safety.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

2.1 Option 1: For the committee to note and accept the report.

3. Background Information

3.1 A letter was sent to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police regarding the lack of support offered to Parking Attendants after reporting incidents involving verbal and/or violent abuse.

4. Current Position

- 4.1 Following a meeting between the Senior Parking Officer/Environmental Technician Health and Safety and Wiltshire Police a number of actions were agreed to attempt to resolve these issues. These included the appointment of a Police Liaison Officer which has now taken place.
- 4.2 A letter has now been received from Chief Inspector Wright of Wiltshire Police detailing his understanding of the issues discussed at the meeting. This letter contains some inconsistencies. Elaine Orchard (Human Resources and Payroll Team Leader) will provide a verbal report on these.
- 4.3 Since the meeting the Police have updated all victims and the Council and a warrant has been issued for the arrest of one individual.

5. Human Resources Implications

5.1 The higher level of support from the Police may increase staff confidence in the protection offered them and could improve staff retention.

Appendices:	1 - Letter from Chief Inspector Wright of Wiltshire Police.
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	None.

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
Council Parking Attendants	Personnel, Licensing and Administration Committee – 21 st May 2007	P10