

Westbury AREA BOARD

Date: Thursday December 10 2009

Westbury Parking Issues

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Area Board on the issue of on street parking enforcement in Westbury
2. To present the Area Board with the statistics demonstrating parking enforcement and education activity.

Background

The Westbury Area Board has been made aware of issues relating to illegal parking in various parts of the town such as the High Street, Market Place and opposite Lloyd's Bank. Concerns have been expressed that this affects the whole community especially retailers, disabled drivers, shoppers and traders. The issue was raised at the area board meeting in July and the board requested more information.

Main Considerations

- No extra resources are available to Westbury but county wide resources are used in the best way possible by looking at core areas in each town
- In Westbury parking enforcement officers have been keeping close eye on Market Place to prevent parking on pavement. Westbury Town Council has now been granted funding through the area board to install extra bollards in this area and it is hoped this will eliminate this problem.
- Also maintaining close observation on High Street where one recurrent issue is users who move from bay to bay
- The job of the officer is not just to enforce but also to educate – e.g. if people are sitting in their car officers explain why they are offending but do not issue ticket
- The statistics showing recent activity show that there has been a significant rise (26%) in the number of tickets issues in Westbury over the last three months (see appendices 1 and 2)

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

There are no specific environmental implications to this proposal.

Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications at this stage.

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

HR Implications

There are no HR implications.

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications although concern has been expressed that parking on the pavement in the Market Place has made access difficult for disabled people and wheelchairs.

Recommendation

It is recommended that:

The Westbury area board receives the report for information and that updates are brought to the area board meeting as requested.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Details of parking contraventions in Westbury
Appendix 2 Tickets issued and recovery details

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report