LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

ON-STREET ENFORCEMENT

Reference Report (ES14027):

Litter Enforcement, 04/11/2014 Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

The existing Parks Security Contract be varied and extended to include the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices where individuals are in breach of the requirements of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act, including offences for littering and dog fouling on the public Highway.

Reasons:

Arrangements have been made with Ward Security to continue delivering a littering enforcement service, concurrent with the existing Parks Security service, from 1st January 2015 to 31st March 2020 at net zero cost to L B Bromley. The existing parks security contract will need to be extended and varied.

It is intended to deliver the service on a seasonal basis around peak hours and events, with a focus on the busiest days at town centres. The service will operate from a Tuesday to Saturday, capturing market days and rush hours. Two full time Enforcement Officers will work in conjunction with the Parks Security Contract to increase coverage, particularly in winter months when parks are not so busy. The team will also be supplemented in peak seasonal times with two additional officers for 72 days of the year.

The average cost of the service per month is estimated at £10,750, inclusive of administrative support and management supervision, and will be paid to Ward Security monthly in arrears. Ward Security will invoice L B Bromley for the hours worked; in return L B Bromley will retain income received from FPNs paid. Should the level of income received not equal the cost of labour paid to Ward Security, Ward Security will then provide a credit note to LBB for the difference.

It is also possible to link the issuing of FPNs with the parking enforcement system. This will result in Ward Security being able to reduce current supervision and administration costs. Use of electronic handheld devices from existing parking equipment stock will greatly improve the reconciliation process and accuracy of data. A one-off £2k set up cost for four hand held devices will be necessary along with ongoing costs of £2.2k for year 1 and £1k per annum from year 2 onwards for licences and stationery. Ward Security will meet these costs from year 2 onwards. L B Bromley will continue to take non-paying offenders through the court process.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 4th November 2014 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 24 November 2014

Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 10 December 2014

Decision Reference: ENV14024