

17 September 2013

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS

BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT IN MANSFIELD

Purpose of the Report

1. To approve the enforcement of bus lanes with cameras at Leeming Street, Nottingham Road and West Gate in Mansfield.

Information and Advice

2. The report to Transport and Highways Committee on 21 March 2013 approved the commencement of bus lane enforcement within Nottinghamshire subject to site specific approvals.
3. The Statutory Quality Bus Partnership (SQBP) for Mansfield, which was approved by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways on 10 January 2012, commits the County Council to supporting bus services in a number of ways including enforcement of bus priority measures at 3 locations; Leeming Street, Nottingham Road and West Gate.
4. The SQBP identifies that enforcement at these locations will commence in September 2013.
5. Works have been carried out to renew the road markings and signs as appropriate to increase their conspicuity and to install camera positions.
6. As identified in the report of 21 March 2013, warning letters will be issued to owners of contravening vehicles during the first two weeks of operation.
7. The penalty for contravention of bus lanes is £60 with a 50% discount for payment within 14 days, thereby making the effective charge £30.

Other Options Considered

8. Bus priority measures have been in place for many years but bus operators have consistently reported delays due to contravention by general traffic. Failing to undertake enforcement would allow this situation to continue.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. Enforcement will help to ensure the effective operation of bus services by improving punctuality of services which will increase customer confidence in the use of the bus as a means of transport.
10. Enforcement of bus lanes in Mansfield will support the investment made in bus provision in the town including access to and from the bus station.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

The implementation of enforcement will enhance bus services using priority measures by improving bus journey time reliability and assist in the promotion of bus travel.

Financial Implications

The business case indicates that enforcement will be self-financing within the first year. The costs of bus lane enforcement are planned to be met from the income from charges.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Bus lane enforcement shall commence at Leeming Street, Nottingham Road and West Gate Mansfield.

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Constitutional Comments (09.08.13 SHB)

12. Committee have the power to decide the Recommendations.

Financial Comments (12.08.13 TMR)

13. The financial implications are set out in the report

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All Mansfield members