

ANNUAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT REPORT for the period 2015/16

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The information contained in this report is in accordance with section 55 of the Road Traffic Act 1984 as amended by Traffic Management Act 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The District Council operates 50 car parks comprising of some 6000 spaces. These are managed under the regulations set out in The District of New Forest (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2005. A copy of the Order, car park locations and charges can be found on the Council's web site (www.newforest.gov.uk/parking).
- 2.2 Hampshire County Council have appointed New Forest District Council as it's agent for the enforcement of on street Traffic Regulation Orders (yellow lines). The District covers an area of approximately 290 sq miles with a population of 173,000.

3. PENALTY CHARGE NOTICE INFORMATION

- 3.1 Penalty Charge/Warning Notices issued for financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16

	2014/15	2015/16
Number PCNs issued at higher level	2210	1959
Number PCNs issued at lower level	6689	4983
Number PCNs paid	6707	5399
Number PCNs paid at discounted rate	5918	4740
Number PCNs against which informal challenge received	2584	1850
Number cancelled as result of informal challenge	756	852
Number against which a formal representation has been received	235	275
Number cancelled as result formal representation	86	70
Number cancelled for other reasons (e.g. driver untraceable)	337 **	247**
Number Warning Notices issued	1546	2534

** Some of these refer to written off enforcement cases going back to 2012/13

4. ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNT

4.1

INCOME	2014/15			2015/16		
	<i>on street</i>	<i>off street</i>	<i>total</i>	<i>on street</i>	<i>off street</i>	<i>total</i>
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Penalty Charge Notices	82	141	223	89	102	191
Residents Parking	6	0	6	6	0	6
Permits						
Dispensations	1	0	1	2	0	2
Total Income	89	141	230	97	102	199
EXPENDITURE						
Employee Costs	140	205	345	136	201	337
Supplies and Services	11	5	16	8	7	15
Support services	20	7	27	22	7	29
Capital Financing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	171	217	388	166	215	381
(Surplus)/Deficit	82	76	158	69	113	182

5. THE TRAFFIC PENALTY TRIBUNAL (TPT)

5.1 The Traffic Penalty Tribunal provides an independent judicial process for the hearing of appeals against the issue of Penalty Charge Notices. In financial year 2015/16 20 appeals were lodged relating to PCNs issued by New Forest District Council. These resulted in;

- 1 appeal being allowed
- 19 appeals Dismissed

Further information concerning TPT can be found on their web site www.trafficpenaltytribunal.gov.uk.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 The number of PCNs issued in 2015/16 was less than the previous year. The decrease was caused by unusually high staff turnover during 2015/16 and a clarification regarding the issuing of PCN's where clocks are not displayed, but are visible. All post have now been filled in addition 2 additional enforcement staff have been employed on a years contract to enable greater flexibility for out of normal hours enforcement especially in relation to on Street Parking issues which occur during the early evening.