

**REPORT TO:** PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2004

**REPORT ON:** DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING TRAFFIC ORDERS IMPLICATIONS

**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

**REPORT NO:** 38-2004

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to vary the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to meet the legislative requirements for decriminalised parking enforcement.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee is asked to approve a Traffic Regulation Variation Order to amend all the Orders controlling parking throughout the city to permit decriminalised parking enforcement.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There will be no additional financial implications.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Resources are used efficiently by improving enforcement and control of parking and all the income generated being available to the Council.
- 4.2 Pollution levels and access to facilities are improved by the increase in turnover of parked vehicles thus decreasing the circulation of traffic trying to find a parking space also resulting less congestion.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no direct equal opportunities implications but by improving congestion and traffic flow access will be easier for the car owner, bus traveller, and servicing vehicles.

**6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 At its meeting on 2 December 2002 the Committee authorised the Director of Planning and Transportation to apply to the Scottish Executive for the introduction of Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement.
- 6.2 The Scottish Executive is expected to grant permission and it will be effective from 1 April 2004.
- 6.3 In order to comply with the legislation, references to enactments and penalty charge notices etc, will require to be amended in all the Traffic Regulation Orders which control parking throughout the city.

6.4 Authority is therefore being sought to prepare the necessary variation order to bring these into effect.

6.5 It should be noted that this Order will not alter any of the restrictions either on or of-street.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

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