

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

ANTI-IDLING – SCOPE

1. Topic: Anti-Idling

2. Purpose of the scrutiny review

To establish the full impact and costs of obtaining formal powers to enforce idling, including the requisite resources, training and back-office system modifications and provide a report and recommendations for Overview and Scrutiny to consider before referring to Cabinet.

Key lines of enquiry

Context and Evidence Based Decision Making

- To identify the research that supports the objective need for implementing an anti-idling enforcement approach in West Suffolk.
- To analyse and present air quality data for West Suffolk compared to other conurbations (extended urban areas).
- To analyse and present data on the use of other options such as electric vehicles.
- To present the work on anti-idling educational work/campaigns undertaken.

Development of Options

- To review the current legislative framework to understand how anti-idling enforcement could be undertaken alongside existing on-street parking enforcement measures.
- To approach the British Parking Association and Norwich City Council, which is the nearest authority who have anti-idling enforcement powers, to find out how effective it has been from an enforcement and educational perspective.
- To identify the full impact and costs of obtaining formal powers for enforcing idling, including the resources, training, back-office system modifications to issue fines and record interactions, Traffic Regulations Order (TROs) and signage, if required.

3. Outcomes

For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to make evidenced based recommendations to the Cabinet on anti-idling.

4. Approach

The scrutiny review will be carried out by a report prepared by the Director of Operations and appropriate officers, with input and evidence provided from the following councillors:

1. Councillor Diane Hind
2. Councillor Julia Wakelam

The councillors will approach the Air Quality Group to advise of the council's approach and also to request any insight or evidence which could be taken into account under the headings of the key lines of enquiry.

The above key lines of enquiry will be investigated by officers and a report presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration and referral to Cabinet.

5. Information required

Background data

- Relevant national and local research on anti-idling.
- Legislative framework
- Examples of good practice, for example anti-idling educational campaigns around schools
- British Parking Association.
- Air quality research for West Suffolk and other similar conurbations.
- Performance data from other authorities that issue fines for idling.
- Data on electric vehicles over the next five years

Views from internal expert advisors

- Director of Operations
- Cabinet Member for Operations
- Service Manager (Facilities and Leisure)
- Parking Services Manager
- Cabinet Member for Regulatory and Environment
- Environment Officer

Views from external expert advisors

- Norwich City Council.
- British Parking Association and any other authorities

6. Resources and support

- Mark Walsh, Director (Operations)
- Matthew Axton, Environment Officer
- Darren Dixon, Service Manager (Facilities and Leisure)
- Cameron Findlay, Parking Services Manager
- Christine Brain, Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)

7. Timetable and key dates

	Date
Work Programme Suggestion Form considered by OAS Committee. Resolved: That a progress report on the various pieces of work on anti-idling be brought to a future meeting of the Committee, subject to Parking Services being asked to start educating and asking drivers as soon as possible, when idling, to switch off their engines.	2 September 2021
OAS Committee received an update report on "Air Quality and Anti-Idling Campaigns".	11 November 2021
MS Teams meeting held with Councillors Hind and Wakelam with the Director of Operations and various officers to discuss setting clear parameters for a future report; to understand what the Committee is seeking to understand and achieve; leading to clear outcomes and recommendations.	11 January 2022
The OAS Committee Resolved to include Anti-Idling into the Committee's forward work programme. Resolved: That "Vehicle idling interactions" be included into the Committee's forward work programme and the Director of Operations be requested to establish the full impact and costs of obtaining formal powers to enforce idling, including the requisite resources, training and back-office system modifications, and provide a report to the Committee by September 2022.	17 March 2022
MS Teams meeting with Councillors Hind and Wakelam to confirm the scoping document, key lines of enquiry and timetable prior to work commencing on drafting the report.	14 April 2022
Evidence gathering and report drafting by officers.	April – July 2022
MS Teams meeting for the approval of draft report and recommendations with Councillors Hind and Wakelam.	August 2022
Agreement of draft report and recommendations by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Option 1: 8 Sept 2022 Option 2: 10 Nov 2022
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to present the final report and recommendations to Cabinet.	Option 1: 18 October or 8 November 2022 Option 2: 6 December 2022

8. Follow-up/Monitoring

N/A