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To: Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Responsible officer: Andy Blaszkowicz, Assistant Director
Cabinet Member: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for
Housing, Transport and Special Projects

SUBJECT: Parking violations in and around New Romney

SUMMARY: This briefing report examines parking violations in and around
New Romney and current levels of enforcement.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. To receive and note report OS/19/06.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Parking restrictions have been in place in and around New Romney for many years. There have been a number of changes/additions to the restrictions with the most major one in 2017, which amended all limited waiting bays along the high street to two hours.
- 1.2 There are very few restrictions beyond the high street and they comprise mainly of yellow lines and disabled bays.

2. ENFORCEMENT OF RESTRICTIONS

- 2.1 One or two officers are deployed daily to enforce the on and off street restrictions in and around New Romney. The officers do spend more time along the high street as it is the busiest. Adjacent roads are also visited quite frequently.
- 2.2 It is clearly the case that civil enforcement officers cannot be everywhere at once and therefore cannot issue a penalty charge notice (pcn) for every contravention that occurs. It is also the case that exemptions may apply to others which are not apparent. For example, blue badge holders are allowed to park on yellow lines for up to three hours.
- 2.3 It should also be noted that there is no blanket ban on pavement parking outside of London. There must be a traffic regulation order (TRO) in place to ban such parking. The council's pavement parking ban TROs do not include roads in New Romney. Officers can only enforce pavement parking in areas in New Romney where there are yellow lines.
- 2.3 The number of pcns issued to vehicles illegally parked in roads in New Romney between 1st January and 30th September 2019 are shown on the table below.

Locations	Restrictions	Number of PCNs issued
High Street New Romney	Yellow lines, limited waiting bays, disabled bays, coach parking bays, and pedestrian crossing zig zags	76
Tritton Lane	Yellow lines	-
Ashford Road	Yellow lines	-
Fairfield Road	Yellow lines, disabled bay and school keep clear	1
North Street	Yellow lines and disabled bays	6
Rome Road	Yellow lines	5
West Street	Yellow lines	12
St John's Road	Yellow lines	1
Sussex road	Yellow lines and disabled bay	5
Marsh Crescent	Disabled bay	-
Victoria Street	Yellow lines	1
Rolfe Lane	Yellow lines and disabled bay	4
Church Approach	Yellow lines	-
Church Road	Yellow lines	2

3. THE WAY FORWARD

- 3.1 Parking Services note the concerns raised about lack of enforcement beyond the High Street and the car parks. Records indicate these roads are being visited and logged, although few pcns are being issued. The issues have however been raised with the council's enforcement contractor, and they have been instructed to increase patrols in these areas.
- 3.2 Parking Services will continue to monitor parking in and around New Romney, and if necessary, will seek to implement additional restrictions during the financial year 2020/21. This might include recommending pavement parking bans and restrictions that can be enforced instantly in areas where there are repeated violations.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 No perceived risks

5. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

5.1 Legal Officer's Comments (NE)

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 Finance Officer's Comments (ST)

There are no financial implications arising from this report

5.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications

There are no diversities and equalities implications (FM)

6. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None