

EXECUTIVE NOTE

The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Edinburgh) Designation Amendment Order 2007 SSI/2007/446

The above instrument was made in exercise of powers conferred by the Road Traffic Act 1991. The instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure.

Background

When the City of Edinburgh Council introduced decriminalised parking enforcement in 1998 under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1991, their policy was that enforcement of the Greenways' bus priority lanes waiting and loading regulations throughout the city would remain the responsibility of the police and traffic wardens who are employed by Lothian and Borders Police. All other waiting and loading regulations would be enforced by themselves.

The Council have now approached the Scottish Government requesting that an amendment be made to their designation order to allow enforcement of the Greenways' waiting and loading regulations to be undertaken by the Council rather than by the police and traffic wardens.

The Council has a number of reasons for wanting the enforcement of Greenways' waiting and loading regulations to be decriminalised, including:-

- i) there will only be one loading and waiting enforcement regime;
- ii) it will rationalise the loading and waiting enforcement throughout the city;
- iii) it will allow a more efficient and cost effective use of resources e.g. the criminalised/decriminalised boundaries between *Greenways* and rest of city are eliminated; and
- iv) it will lead to better consistency and public understanding of the loading and waiting regulations will be improved.

Policy Objectives

The policy of the instrument, therefore, is to amend the decriminalised parking regime within the City of Edinburgh Council area to allow the decriminalised enforcement of Greenways' parking and loading regulations.

Consultation

Statute requires that we consult on this proposal with the Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police who has responded in favour of the proposal.

Financial Effects

This SSI will have no financial effect on the Scottish Government.

Scottish Government Transport Directorate
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