

## **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

### **INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD**

The following decision was taken on 23 August 2016 by the Cabinet Member for Environment.

Date notified to all members: 23 August 2016

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 30 August 2016

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 31 August 2016

1. **TITLE**

Review of Sheffield City Council's Enforcement Policy for Abandoned Vehicles

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That approval be given to the amendments to the Abandoned Vehicle Enforcement Policy so as to allow:-

- (a) the issuing of a Fixed Penalty for the offence of abandonment, as set out in the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978, as amended by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and as outlined in table 2 of section 4.1.7 of the report; and
- (b) the Council to recover its costs for the removal, storage and destruction of abandoned vehicle from the registered keeper, as set out in the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 and The Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charge) Regulations 2008, and as outlined in table 3 of section 4.1.8 of the report.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The Council is legally required to remove vehicles that it has determined to be abandoned. Historically the Council has absorbed the costs for their removal and storage. However, due to the increasing number of vehicles being removed as abandoned, combined with the financial pressure the Council is facing, this approach is no longer sustainable.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

The Council could carry on with its current policy of removing vehicles for free. However, the number of reports of abandoned vehicles are increasing and, therefore, if nothing is done, the number will likely increase, placing further pressure on the Waste Management budget.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None.

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee