

PADSTOW TOWN COUNCIL

COMMUNITY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE: 3 FEBRUARY 2026

AGENDA ITEM 9b) PARKING ENFORCEMENT 2026/27

1. Overview

- 1.1 Committee will know that Cornwall Council (CC) undertake parking enforcement on both Council’s Railway and Lawns Car Parks. This is managed through a Service Level Agreement (SLA) which is issued annually (April to March).
- 1.2 At Council’s November 2025 meeting the Cornwall Councillor reiterated that due to an error in legislation, CC are the only authority permitted to undertake enforcement in Council car parks, with CC enforcing car parks for 15 town/parish councils. He further confirmed that town/parish Council’s undertaking their own enforcement are doing so illegally and could be open to challenge. He advised this remains the case unless there is a change to the law.
- 1.3 The Town Clerk and Council Chair met with the Local MP to raise local issues, this being one of them. The Town Clerk is to provide further detail in this matter for his information.

2. SLA 2026/27

- 2.1 The Town Clerk contacted CC Enforcement Team to seek details for the 2026/27 SLA. CC advised that *“we do not currently have the costs for 2026-2027 finalised”*. These would be provided once finalised. However, following queries raised concerning recruitment issues and hours they could provide for Padstow they did confirm *“we are currently fully staffed across Cornwall”* and *“we would be able to commit to agreeing the hours as per previous years. We would not however be able to offer you any extra hours in Padstow due to all out other commitments.”*
- 2.3 Council’s 2025/26 SLA is for 4 patrols a week (randomly undertaken). Costs per hour being £36 (Monday – Saturday), £45 (Sundays) and £54 (Bank Holidays).
- 2.4 As outlined in the SLA, costings are evaluated annually with the standard hourly cost reducing or increasing for the subsequent year based upon the actual number of PCNs issued per annum.
- 2.4 For 2025/26 we were advised including the discounts there was an increase across all charges. The rise in costs were: -

Monday to Saturday	Risen by £2.08
Sunday	Risen by £2.60
Bank Holiday	Risen by £4.18
- 2.5 At the moment is it not clear as to what the new charges will be but if along the same lines as last year it could mean a 6-8% increase.
- 2.6 From April 2025 to December 2025 181 PCNs were issued by CC (we have no data as to how many were paid, cancelled or taken further). This is on a par with last year.

3. Budget 2026/27

- 3.1 As Committee will know £6,000 has been included within the Council's budget for parking enforcement. This being ample budget to cover the hours (even with presumption of increase as per 2.5 above) which CC can commit to for 2026/27.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 Committee is asked to note the latest in this matter, with it being disappointing that 2026/27 costings are not available at this time.
- 4.2 To note that as budget is available for 2026/27 the SLA be entered into with Committee being updated as to costings at its next available meeting.