

London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee

London Borough of Sutton Approval Item No: 08 to Commence CCTV Bus Lane Enforcement

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Summary: This report seeks approval for the London Borough of Sutton to commence enforcement of bus lane contraventions under the London Local Authorities Act 1996.

Recommendations: The Committee is asked to:

- agree that permission be given to the London Borough of Sutton to enforce bus lane contraventions using CCTV.

Background

1. London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee is responsible for the approval of applications from London local authorities that wish to commence CCTV enforcement. London Councils also promotes best practice which ensures a consistent approach to CCTV enforcement across London.
2. The London Local Authorities Act 1996 allows London authorities to take on the powers for civil enforcement of bus lane contraventions. The Transport and Environment Committee agreed in 2000 that those authorities wishing to take on the powers should apply to the Committee for approval to commence.
3. Aside from LB Sutton, the only remaining boroughs who have not yet sought to take up these powers to enforce bus lanes are: RB Greenwich and RB Kensington and Chelsea.
4. Transport for London also enforces bus lane contraventions by CCTV, but does not require the Committee's approval to do so.

Application to Commence Bus Lane Enforcement by the London Borough of Sutton

5. The key steps for boroughs planning to adopt the powers are:
 - Liaise with the police regarding transfer of enforcement
 - Produce an inventory of all locations where the prohibitions, restrictions and instructions to vehicles can be found
 - Review all prohibitions and restrictions to make sure they are appropriate
 - Review all related signs and markings to make sure they are in good condition
 - Identify the enforcement regime and capacity
 - Determine enforcement priorities
 - Apply to London Councils TEC for approval to take on the powers
 - Carry out local publicity and an awareness campaign
6. An application to commence enforcement of bus lane contraventions has been received from the London Borough of Sutton (Appendix 1), which is proposing to commence enforcement from 27 March 2017. Members are recommended to approve the application as the authority has followed the key steps above and the application meets the criteria set down by the Committee.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Equalities Implications

9. There are no equalities implications to London Councils arising from this report.

Recommendations

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