

# London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee

## London Borough of Bexley Approval    Item No: 19 to Commence Moving Traffic Enforcement

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**Summary:** This report seeks approval for the London Borough of Bexley to commence enforcement of moving traffic contraventions under the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003.

**Recommendations:** The Committee is asked to:

- agree that permission be given to the London Borough of Bexley to enforce moving traffic 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 and Transport for London Act 2003 allows London authorities to take on the civil enforcement of certain moving vehicle contraventions. The Transport and Environment Committee agreed on 21 July 2005 that the pilot scheme was complete and that authorities that wished to take on the powers should apply to the Committee for approval to commence.
3. An authority cannot choose which contraventions to enforce; they must take on responsibility for all the contraventions across the whole of the authority's area.
4. Aside from LB Bexley, the only remaining boroughs who have not yet sought to take up these powers are: LB Barnet, LB Bromley, RB Greenwich, and RB Kensington and Chelsea.

5. Transport for London also enforces moving traffic contraventions by CCTV, but does not require the Committee's approval to do so.

### **Application to Commence Moving Traffic Enforcement by the London Borough of Bexley**

6. 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
  - Obtain council resolution to take on the powers
  - Advertise the passing of the resolution and the date set in a local newspaper and in the London Gazette
  - 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
7. An application to commence enforcement of moving traffic contraventions has been received from the London Borough of Bexley (Appendix 1), which is proposing to commence enforcement from 1 August 2015. 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**

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

### **Legal Implications**

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

### **Equalities Implications**

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

### **Recommendations**

11. The Committee is asked to:
  - agree that permission be given to the London Borough of Bexley to enforce moving traffic contraventions using CCTV.