

## Decision Record – Revisions to the Blue Badge Scheme

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision:

Councillor Izzi Seccombe, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Date of Decision: (NOT BEFORE 21 October 2011)

26 October 2011

### Decision taken

I, portfolio holder for Adult Social Care,

1. approve an increase in the charge for issuing Blue Disabled Parking Badges to £10, from 1 January 2012 subject to the introduction of new legislation by the Department of Transport prior to that date.
2. notes that the operation of blue badges will be initially commissioned by Adult Social Care with the Customer Service Centre within the net income available from badge holder applications.
3. agrees that an immediate review is undertaken to ensure that implementation of new processes around blue badge administration are as efficient in the use of resources, and that collaboration with district councils is considered.

### Reasons for Decisions

A change to the scheme is needed as the costs of administering the scheme will rise as a consequence of changes brought in by the Department for Transport from January 2012. The purpose of the change is to introduce new and improved systems with on line access which will speed up the process for those with continuing entitlement whilst at the same time increasing the security of the card design and processes to reduce the possibility of fraud.

**Background Information/ factors considered in arriving at these decisions - (please see officer report attached):**

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| Portfolio Holder    | Cllr Izzi Seccombe                  |

**Checklist**

**Urgent matter: yes/no\***

No

**Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)**

No

**Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework**

No

**List of Reports considered** [please attach or forward a copy]

As attached

**List of Background Papers** [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

none

**Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.**

**For comment:**

Cabinet members: Cllr Seccombe and Cllr Wright  
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