Report to the Cabinet

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Portfolio: Civil Engineering & Maintenance.

Subject: Parking for Community Health Staff.

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Recommendations:

That, subject to receiving a further report to Cabinet, a parking exemption scheme for key community health workers be agreed in principle.

Report:

- 1. A request has been received from the Chief Executive of the Epping Forest Primary Care Trust for key community health workers to be provided with the ability to park in controlled parking areas without the risk of being penalised. This does not include the Council's pay and display car parks.
- 2. The Council has in the past received many requests from a range of organisations for similar dispensations, but these requests have been refused. However, as the Council introduces more controlled parking throughout the district the problems faced by such workers attending to patients in the community may become greater and Cabinet is requested, as a matter of principle at this stage, to consider whether they are willing to consider such a scheme. If so, officers will research schemes elsewhere, discuss with the PCT their specific needs, and then bring a report and recommendations back to Cabinet.

Statement in support of recommended action:

 Given the expansion of controlled parking throughout the district there is merit in at least exploring the options for some form of exemption for key community health workers.

Options for action:

4. The only option at this time is to reject the application on principle at this time.

Consultation undertaken:

5. None at this stage, but if approval in principle given, consultation with Epping Forest PCT.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: Nil at this stage.

Personnel: Nil.

Land: Nil.

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A. Relevant statutory powers: Highways Acts.

Background papers: Nil. Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A. Key Decision reference (if required): N/A.