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| <b>COMMITTEE:</b> | <b>CABINET</b>                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>DATE:</b>      | <b>9 JANUARY 2003</b>                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>   | <b>A PARKING STRATEGY INCLUDING<br/>DECRIMINALISATION</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b> | <b>DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, REGENERATION<br/>&amp; AMENITIES</b>                                                                                                       |
| <b>Ward(s):</b>   | All                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Purpose:</b>   | To advise Members on progress with the implementation of a parking strategy for the Borough, including decriminalisation, proposed for implementation in late 2004. |
| <b>Contact:</b>   | Mark Probyn, Head of Amenities, Telephone 01323 415240 or internally on extension 5240.                                                                             |

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| <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> | <p>That the Cabinet:</p> <p>(a) notes the content of this Report and agrees the proposals for consultation necessary to develop and implement a parking strategy for the Borough;</p> <p>(b) instructs the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities to agree with the Director of Transport and Environment, East Sussex County Council the setting in place of a Project Management Board with Member representatives and Director Representatives of both Borough and County Council who will be responsible for implementation of a parking strategy including decriminalisation in the Borough in late 2004;</p> <p>(c) nominates this Council's Cabinet Spokesperson and Opposition Spokesperson for Environment and Transport to be the Boroughs representatives on the Project Management Board;</p> <p>(d) nominates this Council's Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities and Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to be the Boroughs representatives on the Project Management Board; and</p> |
|                                | <p>(e) delegates responsibility to the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment and Transport to engaging jointly with the County Council in a public consultation exercise on proposals for a parking strategy and decriminalisation to be implemented in the Borough in late 2004.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <p><b>1.0</b></p> | <p><b><u>Background</u></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>1.1</p>        | <p>Members will be aware of the commitment made by the Council in July 2000 to a parking strategy for the Borough which is to include decriminalisation. Similarly, of the County Council's commitment to such a parking strategy identified in the County Council's Eastbourne Urban Area Local Transport Plan which gained Government Office of the South East approval in 2000.</p> |
| <p>1.2</p>        | <p>Since this time, Borough and County Officers have been working together in preparing a parking strategy and developing plans for the implementation of a decriminalised parking regime.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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| 1.3 | In December 2001 a joint Project Team was set in place on which there is both Borough and County officer representation. The Team is currently responsible to the Director of Transport and Environment for the County and Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities for the Borough.                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.0 | <b><u>Work of the Project Team</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2.1 | Since December 2001 the Project Team has worked on developing plans for the implementation of a parking strategy and decriminalisation in late 2004. A project implementation plan has been developed and during the last year work has continued on initial consultation with local representatives of the business community, residents and others in developing initial proposals for both the strategy and decriminalisation.              |
| 2.2 | This work is primarily concerned with reviewing on-street parking arrangements to reflect the transport-related proposals within the Local Transport Plan. This, with the intention of making more appropriate use of parking space primarily within the Town Centre area by encouraging short term parking and residents parking in defined bays whilst deterring long stay commuter parking which has a deterrent effect on the Town Centre. |
| 2.3 | This work is progressing in conjunction with other work on developing the business case for decriminalisation which is to be funded in effect from revenue received from on-street parking and residents and other permit parking.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2.4 | Other work is progressing well on recording Traffic Regulation Orders in the Borough on a computer mapping system essential to preparing a consolidated Traffic Regulation Order, of all Orders prior to the implementation of decriminalisation.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3.0 | <b><u>Current Position</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| 3.1 | The Project Team is now moving to a point when it will be able to present to members of both Borough and County with more detailed plans for the parking strategy and also the business case for decriminalisation. It is anticipated that this preliminary work will be complete by the end of January 2003.                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2.2 | Further to this, and member approval, it is anticipated that these plans will be ready to be put out to public consultation in February/March 2003.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2.3 | The Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities, further to consultation with the Director of Transport and Environment for the County, is of the opinion that it would now be timely to set in place a Project Management Board consisting of Members and Directors of both Borough and County Council to whom the Project Team of officers working on this project would be responsible to for the implementation of the strategy and decriminalisation in late 2004. |
| 2.4 | <p>The purpose of setting in place a project Board is:</p> <p>(a) to ensure the implementation of the parking strategy and decriminalisation</p> <p>(b) to ensure proper Member representation from both Borough and County</p> <p>(c) to ensure a raised profile and understanding of the parking strategy and decriminalisation within the communities overall the Borough</p>                                                                                             |
| 2.5 | If Cabinet is minded to this approach the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities would propose that the Council's Spokesperson and Opposition Spokesperson for Environment and Transport be nominated as the Borough's representatives on the Board which it is planned to set in place early in 2003.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3.0 | <b><u>Resources</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| 3.1        | In the financial years 2001/02 and 2002/03 the Council has made a revenue allocation of £20,000 per annum which has been used to fund one full time officer post.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3.2        | This post holder has been instrumental in recording and plotting Traffic Regulation Orders dating back to the 1940's in consultation with the County Council's Legal Department.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 3.3        | The funding for this post ceases at the end of March 2003 should a bid in this years budget process for continued funding for this purpose not be agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.4        | Cabinet will be aware that other than referred to above in this part, there has been no budgetary consideration to the Council's part in developing the parking strategy and decriminalisation and the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities currently considers that to enable the project to move forward that it will be necessary in 2003/04 for the Council to make an allocation of at least £20k from its revenue fund with the potential for an additional £30k for the employment of one full time project implementation officer who would work jointly with officers of the County Council in developing this work. |
| 3.5        | The Director further considers that without such funding it would not be possible for this project to be progressed. Funding for this purpose could be paid back from income when the decriminalisation goes live, subject to the agreement of East Sussex County Council.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3.6        | The Director is currently discussing this option with the Director of Transport and Environment and will update Cabinet on this at its meeting on the 9 January 2003.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 3.7        | The Director is also to discuss the overall funding arrangements of the Borough and the County for the implementation of the parking strategy and decriminalisation and will advise Cabinet further on this at its meeting on the 9 January 2003.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>4.0</b> | <b><u>Consultation</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

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| 4.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The County's Director of Transport and Environment has been consulted on this report. His comments will be reported verbally to Cabinet.                                                        |
| 4.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Director of Finance and Corporate Resources has been consulted. Her comments will be reported verbally to Cabinet.                                                                          |
| <b>5.0</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b><u>Human Resource and Financial Implications</u></b>                                                                                                                                         |
| 5.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | These issues will be reported to subsequent meetings of Cabinet as the project plan for decriminalisation is developed.                                                                         |
| <b>6.0</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b><u>Environmental, Youth and Anti-Poverty Implications</u></b>                                                                                                                                |
| 6.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The implementation of a parking strategy and decriminalisation will have a positive impact on the environment. There are no direct youth or anti-poverty implications arising from this report. |
| <b>7.0</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b><u>Summary</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Council has previously agreed to the principles of decriminalisation. It is now time to set up a formal project board to deliver the changes required.                                      |
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| Norman Kinnish<br>Director of Planning, Regeneration & Amenities                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>Background Papers:</b><br><br>The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:<br><br>Cabinet Report – Eastbourne Urban Area Local Transport Plan – 5 July 2000 (Endorsed by Council 24 July 2000) |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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