The following decision was taken on 16 June 2016 by the Director of Development Services.

Date notified to all members: 20 June 2016
Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

Title
Blue Badge Fraud Enforcement

Decision Taken
To approve the implementation of the blue badge fraud enforcement scheme.

Reasons For Decision
- Prosecuting fraudsters in court, with a potential fine of up to £1000 plus costs is proven to reduce the incidence of fraudulent blue badge use.
- The scheme described in this report will be a deterrent to fraudulent blue badge use.
- The enforcement scheme will improve the availability of convenient parking spaces for legitimate blue badge holders
- The scheme will improve public confidence in the blue badge scheme and furthermore improve public confidence that the Council is addressing wrongdoing
- The enforcement scheme is expected to result in increased pay and display parking income.

Alternatives Considered And Rejected
The alternative is to do nothing and continue with using existing powers to issue penalty charge notices to vehicles in which blue badges are seen to be misused. This is not viewed as being an effective deterrent to fraudulent use as the penalties involved (maximum £70 or £35 for early payment) are very modest and do not receive any publicity. The fact that a very small team of Civil Enforcement Officers issued 120 penalties for blue badge misuse in a ten month period, confirms that significant ongoing blue badge misuse is taking place in Sheffield.

Documents used in making decision:
Report of the Head of Transport, Traffic and Parking Services

Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted
by the Officer when making the decision
None

6.2 Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service
None

7. Respective Director Responsible for Implementation
Director of Development Services