

REPORT: Regulatory Committee
DATE: 14 June 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Consultation on Taxi Rank Provision
WARDS: Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update members on the outcome of the consultation on taxi rank provision in Halton and seek approval for amendments to the Council's existing provision of taxi ranks.

2. RECOMMENDED:

- (1) that the information set out in the attached appendices be noted by the Committee;**
- (2) the proposals set out in Appendix E be approved subject to any representations which may be made in respect thereof;**
- (3) the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to fulfil all procedural requirements and relating to the proposals in Appendix E in accordance with Section 63 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;**
- (4) any representations opposing the proposals set out in this report be referred back to the Committee for consideration; and**
- (5) subject to no such representations being received the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to make a designation order to consolidate any existing orders and incorporate the proposals in Appendix E.**

3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A consultation exercise has been undertaken with the taxi trade on the provision of hackney carriage stands (referred to in this report by their more common name "ranks") in the borough Appendix A provides the details.

3.2 A very limited response was received and is detailed in Appendix B.

- 3.3** The Councils Legal Services Licensing Section reviewed the provision of ranks in parallel with the consultation exercise and Appendix C and Appendix D provide details.
- 3.4** The various proposals have been discussed with the Councils Highways Section as the cost of implementation has been the prime consideration. The Council has a very limited budget for 2010/2011 for implementing any new schemes.
- 3.5** It is therefore proposed to bid for 4 new schemes two in Widnes (plus a change of hours to an existing rank) and two in Runcorn as detailed in Appendix E

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

If approved the Councils Ranks Order will be amended

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications from this report

6 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES

- 6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**
None
- 6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton**
N/A
- 6.3 A healthy Halton**
N/A
- 6.4 A Safer Halton**
None
- 6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**
N/A

7 RISK ANALYSIS

N/A

8 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

N/A

11 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Application Documents	Legal Services	John Tully/ Kay Cleary