

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 17 April 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Director – Legal and Democratic Services

PORTFOLIO: Corporate Services

SUBJECT: Taxi Licensing Matter

WARD(S) Boroughwide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To receive a report from the Regulatory Committee recommending that the Executive Board approve the amendments to the Councils existing Hackney Carriage Stands Order.

2.0 RECOMMENDED:

It is recommended that:-

- 1. The proposals detailed in Appendix A of the Regulatory Report (see Appendix 1) dated 12 March 2025 in respect of stands 11, 13, 17 and 19 to be approved by the Executive Board, considering any representations which may be made in respect thereof; and**
- 2. The Director Legal and Democratic Services, be authorised to fulfil all procedural requirements in accordance with Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and to make the taxi stands order accordingly.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Details of the current taxi rank provisions can be found in the Regulatory Committee Report (See Appendix 1). Included in the report are the details of the proposed amendments along with consultation exercise which was undertaken with the Halton Taxi Trade, Cheshire Police and members of the public, the findings can be found in the report.
- 3.2 On 12th March 2025, the Regulatory Committee considered the proposals as detailed in the aforementioned report (See Appendix 1) and accordingly recommended the position set out in Section 2 of this report be adopted by The Executive Board (see the draft minutes at Appendix 2).

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The subject matter of this report is to adopt the amendments to the current Councils Taxi Rank Order as set out herein.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The cost of implementing the recommended changes, by way of providing new signage to be displayed at the site of each amended hackney carriage rank, must be met through the Taxi Licensing budget.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence
None
- 6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy
None
- 6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families
None
- 6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need
None
- 6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future
None
- 6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community
None

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 None

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 None

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 None