

AGENDA ITEM: 3

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2nd FEBRUARY 2011

**TAXI FACILITIES IN CROSSFELL ROAD
Re MORRISONS**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To present the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an outline of the purpose of this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Members of the Board are recommended to consider information relating to the taxi facilities associated with Crossfell Road adjacent to Morrisons at Berwick Hills.

PROVISION OF TAXI RANK FACILITY AT CROSSFELL ROAD.

- 3 The Overview and Scrutiny Board have been requested by the Executive to consider the issues associated with the provision of a Taxi rank at Crossfell Road, which would primarily be a facility for customers of Morrisons. The Board is advised that there is a private hire arrangement in place with Morrisons and the Board may want to determine need and suitability for providing a taxi rank facility at this location.
- 4 For the Board to gain an understanding of the existing arrangement, an understand of the local geography and to assess the practical benefits for

establishing a taxi rank the following outline is presented for Members consideration.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

- 5 A report regarding the development of Hackney Carriage Ranks was presented for individual executive decision on the 21st December 2010. This report makes reference to the provision of a rank at the lay-by on the south side of Crossfell Road. A copy of the report is attached as **Appendix A** for completeness and Members information. The aspect of the report relating to Crossfell Road of the 21st December was deferred, and the meeting adjourned to the 11th January where the following was ordered.

ORDERED

1. That the matter of taxi provision in the area serving Morrison's be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Board for discussion.
2. That the Board require representatives from Hackney Carriage Drivers, Private Hire companies, senior representatives of WM Morrison and the Council to provide evidence to assist that process.

Terms of Reference

- 6 The following outlines the proposed Terms of Reference for the Boards consideration
- To assess the present taxi provision at Morrisons and the benefits a taxi rank would provide at Crossfell Road, Middlesbrough.

Lines of Enquiry

- 7 For the Board to gain the appropriate information the following lines of enquiry are proposed. The intention is to provide an opportunity for all parties concerned to present the main benefits or concerns from their perspective.
- 8 The proposal would be for the Board to hold two meetings with the following invitations/visits.

First meeting. For the Board to visit to site to gain an understanding of the geography and see the location of the proposed rank.

To invite a representative from Boro Cars who presently provide the private hire vehicles to Morrisons.

To invite a representative from the Hackney Carriage association to determine the taxi issues.

Second meeting	To invite a representative from Morrisons to present the current arrangements and preferred facilities.
	To meet with Officers of the Council to outline the Licensing and enforcement issues. Also officers to present any impact on the school transport service.
	To meet with the Executive Member regarding the considerations addressed at the Executive meeting of 21 st December 2011.

CONCLUSION

- 9 From the information received over the two meetings the Board can determine the key issues relating to the request from the Executive for this Scrutiny to be undertaken. In conclusion the Board can prepare a response which will be submitted to the Executive for their consideration.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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