

AGENDA ITEM: 4

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

15th 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 the information presented at the meeting relating to the taxi facilities associated with Crossfell Road adjacent to Morrisons at Berwick Hills.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- 3 The Overview and Scrutiny Board undertook a site visit to Crossfell Road and Morrisons on 2nd February to gain a greater understanding of the layout and proposals previously presented to the Executive for the provision of a Taxi Rank at the lay-by on the southern side of Crossfell Road.
- 4 Following the site visit Members of the Board held their initial meeting to address this issue and established the following Terms of Reference.

- To assess the present taxi provision at Morrisons and to determine the benefits a taxi rank would provide at Crossfell road while also giving consideration to possible alternative sites adjacent to Crossfell Road.

LINES OF ENQUIRY

- 5 For the Board to gain the appropriate information Members outlined their initial Lines of Enquiry at their meeting of 2nd February. The intention is to ensure an opportunity is provided for all parties concerned to present the main benefits or concerns from their perspective.
- 6 The Board determined that their first source of information would be from the officers responsible for Licensing and Enforcement issues and that attendance and information would be presented at this meeting regarding this area.
- 7 The Board also agreed that the information on the responses received following the consultation period on the provision of a taxi rank at the lay-by on the south side of Crossfell Road, close to the Neptune Centre be submitted to this meeting by the officer responsible for Licensing.
- 8 The list below is not presented in any order of expected attendance and Members are requested to identify the sequence in which they would wish to have the information presented.
 - (a) Officers responsible for Licensing and Enforcement issues.
 - (a) Council's Transport and Design Services,
 - (b) Middlesbrough Borough Cars
 - (c) Hackney Carriage Association
 - (d) Morrisons
 - (e) Executive Member for Community Protection
 - (f) Schools Integrated Transport Service,
 - (g) Police,
 - (h) Representatives of retail premises at Norfolk Place and nearby Public House,
 - (i) Council Officers, re Funding issues.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 9 The Board requested an outline for future meeting dates in order to programme the Scrutiny and to provide representatives attending to provide information etc with greater notice to plan their attendance. A list of proposed dates which do not conflict with other Member meeting dates will be presented at the meeting for Members consideration.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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