



## **Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee** 19 November 2012

Report from the Assistant Director – Housing and Public Protection

### **Piccadilly Taxi Rank**

#### **Summary**

1. This report asks Members to consider a recommendation received from the council's City Transport Planner regarding reducing the number of taxi rank spaces on the Piccadilly rank.

#### **Background**

2. The Piccadilly taxi rank currently has space for 4 vehicles. A location plan of the rank can be found at Annex 1.
3. Richard Holland, Transport Planner, has made a request that the vehicle space allocation at the Piccadilly rank should be reduced by half, to a 2 vehicles. He has made this request as there is a significant shortage of cycle parking spaces available in the city. By reducing the rank by half it would provide parking for 30 cycles in this area.
4. The Transport Planner's proposal can be found at Annex 2.
5. The Piccadilly rank is infrequently used by the taxi trade and members of the public wanting a taxi.

#### **Consultation**

6. At this time a formal consultation has not taken place regarding this proposal. Any recommendation from Committee will be taken to the Director of City and Environmental Services. It is a legal requirement that prior to any changes being made to an official taxi rank that a formal consultation must take place. The Director of City and Environmental Services will instruct their Officers to carry out any formal consultation.

7. Councillor Merrett, Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability, is in favour of the proposal.
8. North Yorkshire Police and Safer York Partnership are in favour of this proposal and have commented that the location has excellent natural surveillance as well as coverage by the Council's own CCTV.

### **Options**

9. Option 1 – agree with City Transport Planner's proposal and ask Officers to recommend to the Director of City and Environmental Services to go out for formal consultation regarding reducing the rank to a 2 vehicle rank.
10. Option 2 – disagree with City Transport Planner's proposal and ask Officers to take no further action.

### **Analysis**

11. Option 1 – will decrease the number of available taxi rank spaces within the authority area and increase the number of cycle racks.
12. Option 2 – there will be no changes to the current taxi rank allocation and City Transport Planners will need to consider an alternative location for cycle racks.

### **Council Priorities**

13. The allocation of taxi rank spaces and the provision of cycle racks supports the council priority of 'Get York Moving'.

### **Implications**

14.
  - (a) **Financial**  
There are no financial implications.
  - (b) **Human Resources (HR)**  
There are no HR implications.
  - (c) **Equalities**  
There are no equalities implications.

**(d) Legal**

There are no legal implications.

**(e) Crime and Disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications.

**(f) Information Technology (IT)**

There are no IT implications.

**(g) Property**

There are no property implications.

**(h) Other**

There are no other implications.

**Risk Management**

15. There are no known risks associated with this report.

**Recommendations**

16. That Members approve Option 1 of this report.

Reason: This option still provide provision of a taxi rank on Piccadilly and also provide the provision of cycle park.

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**Annexes**

**Annex 1** – Location plan

**Annex 2** – Transport Planner's proposal