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| COMMITTEE | Licensing Committee |
| DATE | 13 June 2017 |
| REPORT TITLE | Taxi Rank Review |
| REPORT NUMBER | CG/17/072 |
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with updated information in relation to the Taxi Rank Review.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the committee

1. Notes the updated information in relation to the taxi rank review; and
2. Instructs the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to incorporate the review of taxi rank provision within the taxi demand survey to be carried out and reported to Committee by June 2018.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES / OTHER HEADINGS AS APPROPRIATE

- 3.1 At the meeting on 25 October 2016 the Committee instructed officers to undertake a review of taxi rank provision and location within the city, in consultation with the Roads Infrastructure Manager and all appropriate parties to identify where suitable additional ranks could be provided if appropriate and to report back to the Committee at a future meeting.
- 3.2 The Committee then subsequently instructed officers to undertake a taxi demand survey in conjunction with the fare review and for that to be carried out by June 2018.
- 3.3 Officers have begun to collate data relating to waiting times at the taxi ranks currently in place in order to assist with the review. However it is likely that the results of the taxi demand survey will also have an impact on the review of taxi rank provision and it is therefore recommended that the review of the taxi ranks is incorporated into the overall demand survey scheduled to be

completed by June 2018. By doing so it is also probable that the Committee would be provided with more meaningful and complete data on which to base a final decision.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is no budget for a separate demand survey in relation to taxi ranks and this will have an impact on budgetary constraints within the licensing service. Such impacts would be mitigated if incorporated within the overall demand survey already instructed and for which a budget is in place.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

- 6.1 By incorporating the rank review within the demand survey the Committee will ensure that any final decision made is done so on the best available evidence. At present there is no suggestion that delaying the review until June 2018 will result in any issues with taxi rank provision. The position can be monitored and a further report brought to Committee in the event that circumstances change.

7. IMPACT SECTION

Economy

- 7.2 There is no direct economic impact as a result of the recommendations of this report.

People

- 7.3 There is no direct impact on any persons or protected characteristics as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Place

- 7.4 There is no direct impact as a result of the recommendations of this report. By incorporating the taxi rank review within the overarching demand survey the Committee will be taking any decisions on the best available evidence to ensure any proposals are of maximum benefit to the city.

Technology

- 7.5 There is no direct impact as a result of the recommendations of this report.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

9. APPENDICES (if applicable)

9.1 None

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