

**Taxi Stance - Eskbank Road, Dalkeith****Report by Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

To seek authority to proceed with the reduction in the size and, hence, the number of Taxis from eight to six, in the new Taxi Stance in Eskbank Road, Dalkeith.

**2 Background**

- 2.1** On 1 April 2014, the Committee agreed *inter alia* that the commencement date for the Stance adjacent to the Supermarket in Eskbank Road, Dalkeith be 16 May 2014; and, with reference to paragraph 5(c) of the Minutes of 7 October 2008, having noted that the physical layout of the site had changed and the stance had been reduced in size by the Developer, to vary the appointment by reducing the number of taxis to six, subject to public consultation.

- 2.2** Public Notice of the proposal was given in The Advertiser on 17 April, giving 28 days for the receipt of representations.

One representation has been received objecting in general terms to the appointment of the Stance there. The letter is shown in the **Appendix**.

No other representations have been received.

**3 Report Implications****3.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

**3.2 Risk**

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

**3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

**3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

There are implications arising directly from this report.

**3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

The Hire Car Associations were consulted.

**3.7 Ensuring Equalities**

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development**

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**3.9 IT Issues**

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

**4 Summary**

The decision to appoint the stance in Eskbank Road, Dalkeith for eight taxis between 5am and 11pm daily was taken by the Committee in 2008.

The consultation related to the reduction in the number of Taxis (from eight ) to six rather than the complete removal of the stance.

Representation has been made that the stance is superfluous on the basis that, inter alia, a freephone in-store service will be provided.

The opening of the store is imminent and the facility is in place; and the proposal can be implemented.

**5 Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Committee agree that the maximum number of taxis in the Stance adjacent to the Supermarket in Eskbank Road, Dalkeith be six.

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**Background Papers: report of meeting held on 13 March 2014**

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