

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

NON-KEY DECISION – SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 28 AUGUST 2012

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY ENVIRONMENT

REVIEW OF TAXI LICENSING IN EAST HERTS – INITIAL REPORT AND SCOPE

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This report summarises the first stages of this review, and presents the scoping document for committee members consideration and agreement.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:</u></b>	
<b><u>that:</u></b>	
<b>(A)</b>	<b>the scoping document for the Review of Taxi Licensing in East Herts attached to this report as Essential Reference Paper “B”, be considered and agreed; and</b>
<b>(B)</b>	<b>the Task and Finish group be asked to report back to Community Scrutiny Committee on 20 November 2012.</b>

1.0 Background

1.1 On 12 June 2012 Community Scrutiny Committee agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group to undertake a review of Taxi Licensing in East Herts.

1.2 The Leader of the Council made a commitment to a review of taxi licensing services in a press briefing following a series of articles in the Mercury newspaper looking at criminal convictions among taxi licence holders.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 The membership of the task and finish group is;

- Councillor Beeching,
- Councillor Crofton,
- Councillor Hollebon,
- Councillor Pope,
- Councillor Poulton and
- Councillor Wood

Invited observer:

- Councillor Cheswright

2.2 The group met on 1 August 2012 and have;

- agreed the scope,
- identified the purpose and intended outcomes;
- identified benchmarking required against other local authorities;
- identified the witnesses they wish to call;
- and set a timetable for further meetings.

2.3 The draft scope is attached (see essential reference paper B). Members are asked to consider and agree the document.

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

## Background Papers

Notes of the taxi task and finish group meeting are available on request from the Scrutiny Officer by email;

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