

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS:

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives	<p>People</p> <p>This priority focuses on enhancing the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</p>
Consultation:	<p>Officers took part in discussions and site visits with Bishops Stortford Town Councilors to establish the possible options for improving taxi rank space provision. Options are set out below;</p> <p>Subject to Committee approval, it is proposed to consult on these options with the licensed taxi trade.</p>
Legal:	<p>New taxi ranks on public highway will require a traffic order, statutory advertising, and new signage and road marking.</p> <p>Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 section 70 specifies that reasonable expenditure on Hackney Carriage Stands may be lawfully recovered under the principles of cost recovery from taxi vehicle or operating licence (but not taxi driver) licensing fees and charges. S.53 prevents taxi rank expenditure being recovered against driver licence fees.</p>
Financial:	<p>Funds spent on taxi rank signage and marking can only be lawfully recovered through taxi vehicle and taxi operators licence fees and charges under the principles of cost recovery, and may not be recovered from income from taxi driver licence fees.</p> <p>The taxi rank signage and marking budget provides for expenditure of £4,100 p.a. No expenditure has been incurred in 2012-13 due to Highways agreeing to incorporate improvements into existing planned works (Bishops Stortford Bus Station rank, and re-marking Bridge Street Hertford rank).</p> <p>There will be a cost to implementing the legal requirements set out above, and it may be necessary to carry forward the unspent budget from 2012-2013, or to</p>

	conduct any agreed works in two phases, in 2013-14 and 2014-15.
Human Resource:	None
Risk Management:	None