Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Director of Technical & Environmental Services to

Licensing Committee

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Agenda Item No.

Creation of New and Amendment to Hackney Carriage Stands

Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Executive Councillor: Councillor Mrs Holland

A Part I Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Members are invited to consider an amendment to and creation of a new Hackney Carriage stand within the Borough.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Crowstone Road, Westcliff on Sea

That a new Hackney Carriage stand be created for three spaces on the north west side of the road, south west of the junction with London Road.

2.2 Clifftown Road, Southend on Sea

That the existing stand be made a 24 hour stand.

2.3 That the creation of the said stand and the time change to the said stand be duly advertised.

3. Background

- 3.1 Southend Taxi Drivers Association has requested that consideration be given to remove the three space stand in Brightwell Avenue and replace it with a new stand for three spaces in Crowstone Road, near the junction with London Road.
- 3.2 The Association also requested that the existing timed stand at Clifftown Road be extended by two spaces and made a 24 hour stand. An extension to this stand is not possible due to objections from Highway's Officers.

3.3 Brightwell Avenue

A Hackney Carriage stand on the west side of Brightwell Avenue just north of the junction with London Road is only used occasionally. A Hackney Carriage Stand has been in existence in Brightwell Avenue since 1979. However whilst the Trade have requested its removal the Palace Theatre have requested it be retained for the benefit of its customers

3.4 Crowstone Road

Southend Taxi Drivers Association has requested a new Hackney Carriage stand on the north west side of the road, south west of the junction of London Road outside The Trading Room public house (see Plan at **Appendix 1**).

3.5 Clifftown Road

Southend Taxi Drivers Association has requested that the existing stand be made a 24 hour stand as opposed to the timed stand at present between 8pm and 3am.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is recommended that Members approve the creation of a new stand at Recommendation 2.1 and approve the change in time to the said stand at Recommendation 2.2.
- 4.2 In light of the request from the Palace Theatre it is recommended that the Brightwell Avenue stand be retained for use by the Theatre's customers.
- 4.3 Members are asked to consider these proposals and that notice of any such approval be published in the requisite manner as at Recommendation 2.4.

5. Background Papers

5.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

6. Appendices

6.1 **Appendix 1** shows a plan of the new proposed stand at Crowstone Road.