

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Report of Deputy Chief Executive for Place
To
Licensing Committee C
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**Agenda
Item No.**

Taxi Stand at Lucy Road

Chair Licensing Committee C: Councillor Helen McDonald

A Part 1 Public Agenda item.

1. Purpose of Report

To initiate the statutory consultation on the introduction of a taxi stand at Lucy Road, the hours of operation being restricted to the time of greatest use between 10pm and 9am daily. The taxi stand shall operate as a shared space with pay and display parking bays between 9am and 6pm.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee endorse the decision of the Cabinet Committee meetings of 9 March 2017 and 2nd November 2017 enabling the statutory consultation process to commence for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road. The taxi stand in Lucy Road to be on the northern kerbline from a point 19 metres east of its junction with Herbert Grove to a point 38 metres west of its junction with Seaway (southern section), the hours of operation of which to be 10.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m.

3. Background

A request was received from the seafront traders to increase parking provision in the seafront area. The area that was considered was Lucy Road.

Cabinet Committee (Minutes 844 of its meeting held on 9th March 2017) proposed that the taxi stand in Lucy be amended to be a shared space to enable the introduction of pay and display parking from 9.00am to 6.00pm daily and a hackney carriage stand at all other times. This decision was subject to a statutory consultation.

The taxi stand marked in Lucy Road had been removed in 2006 (Minute 1121 of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee C held on 13 February 2006 refers) but was still being used as a pick up point for taxis, and there are still markings to that effect.

The Traffic and Parking Working Party considered the representations received and the Cabinet Committee, having considered the working parties views made the following decision (Minute 433 of its meeting held on 2nd November 2017)

- Expedite the commencement of the statutory consultation process and necessary arrangements for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road.
- The hours of operation of the taxi stand be between 10.00pm to 9.00am.

The location of the proposed taxi stand is detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Other Options

None, this is an instruction from Cabinet.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

To maximise the use of this area through sharing the taxi stand space between 'pay and display' parking bays between 9.00am and 6.00pm and to patrons of the clubs in Lucy Road to be able to disperse safely and in an organised way through the availability of taxis between 10pm and 9am.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The adoption of better managed vehicle parking forms part of the Council's Transport Strategy. The Southend Area Action Plan's objectives includes improving the provision for taxis to support that access, especially at night.

The installation of a taxi stand in an area where there is a thriving night time economy supports the connected and smart outcome of making it easier for people to get around the Borough.

Safe transport from night time activities may contribute to the feeling of safety for individuals in the town.

6.2 Financial Implications

The installation of the taxi stand at Lucy Road will be met by revenue account.

6.3 Legal Implications

Cabinet Committee (Minute 844 of its meeting held on 9 March 2017) resolved that subject to approval by the Council's Licensing Committee that the shared space be adopted for 'pay and display' and a taxi stand.

Cabinet Committee (Minute 433 of its meeting held on 2nd November 2017) resolved that, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, the statutory consultation process commence for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road, the hours of operation of which to be 10.00pm and 9.00am.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 63 allows the authority to appoint a stand for hackney carriages.

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

There is a statutory consultation process required by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This process will be followed.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

To be completed as part of the formal consultation process.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The implementation of this taxi stand is a small part of the transportation strategy and objectives and poses a low risk to the achievement of the smart and connected agenda. However, the provision of additional areas where patrons can obtain taxis at night may increase their feeling of safety.

6.9 Value for Money

The use of the taxi stand as shared space maximises the revenue from 'pay and display' during the day time operation of the parking bays.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

The provision of taxis in this area during the night supports the safe egress for patrons of the clubs in this area.

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

1. Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee 9 March 2017
2. Minute 844 of 2nd November 2017
3. Minutes 1121 of the Licensing Sub-Committee C 13th February 2006
4. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads)(Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones) (Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 18) Order 2017

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed location of taxi stand in Lucy Road