

**Southend-on-Sea Borough Council**

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Place)**

**To**

**Licensing Committee C**

**On**

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**Agenda  
Item No.**

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**Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stands in Tylers Avenue**

**Chair Licensing Committee C: Councillor Helen McDonald**

**“A Part 1 Public Agenda item.”**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To initiate the statutory consultation on the revocation of the taxi stand on Tylers Avenue located on the westbound carriageway on Tylers Avenue 15.7m west of the junction with Chichester Road for a distance of 29.6m in a westerly direction.

To initiate the statutory consultation on the adoption of two taxi stands at Tylers Avenue. It is proposed that one stand operates as a dual purpose space, operating as a loading bay, subject to Traffic Regulation Working Party approval, during the following :

Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm  
Saturday 8am to 1pm

To operate as a taxi stand at all other times.

It is proposed that the second taxi stand on Tylers Avenue to operate exclusively as a taxi stand with no time restrictions.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the revocation of the existing taxi stand on Tylers Avenue located on the westbound carriageway 15.7m west of the junction with Chichester Road for a distance of 29.6m in a westerly direction.
- 2.2 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the adoption of a taxi stand to be in operation between the hours of 7pm and 7am Monday to Friday, 1pm to 8am on Saturday and all day Sunday and Bank Holidays. The taxi stand to be located on the westbound carriageway on Tylers Avenue 11.3m west of the junction with Chichester Road for a distance of 19.8m in a westerly direction. (Appendix 1)
- 2.3 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the adoption of a taxi stand located on the westbound carriageway

of Tylers Avenue 31.1m west of the junction with Chichester Road for a distance of 19.8m in a westerly direction. (Appendix 2)

### **3. Background**

The National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) is investment for Local Authorities to boost productivity, transport, digital communications, research and development and housing.

Part of this scheme includes the TRIP (Town-centre Redevelopment Improvement Project) which the Council is implementing to improve the accessibility onto the High Street from the Bus Station, Train Station and the surrounding carparks via the side roads, increasing the footfall into the town. The installation of taxi stands in the side roads supports sustainable transport options connecting the journey to and from the stations as well as providing alternative solutions to access the High Street.

The location of the taxi stands are detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.

### **4. Other Options**

Do nothing, leaving the taxi stands in their current location in Tylers Avenue

### **5. Reasons for Recommendation**

To maximise the use of this area through alternating the taxi stand space between a loading bay, facilitating deliveries to the High Street and facilitating sustainable transport from the stations to the High Street.

### **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 scheme supports sustainable transport connecting the stations to the High Street.

The installation of a taxi stand in this area supports the commercial operation of the High Street and a thriving night time economy. The schemes support the connected and smart 2050 outcome of making it easier for people to get around the Borough using sustainable transport.

Safer transport from night time activities may contribute to the feeling of safety for individuals in the town, and underpins the Safe and Well 2050 objective.

#### **6.2 Financial Implications**

The revocation and installation of the taxi stands in Tylers Avenue will be met by NPIF funding.

### **6.3 Legal Implications**

The provisions for revoking and installing taxi stands for hackney carriage vehicles are contained in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 63. There is a requirement for a statutory consultation to be undertaken.

### **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.

### **6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications**

The scheme may improve accessibility to the High Street for older people, those with health problems or disability. A further assessment will be undertaken at the conclusion of the statutory consultation.

### **6.8 Risk Assessment**

The installation of this taxi stand is a small part of the transportation strategy and objectives. It specifically supports the connected and smart objective by connecting the stations to the High Street with sustainable transport.

### **6.9 Value for Money**

The use of the taxi stand as shared space maximises the use of this area, supporting deliveries to the High Street and connecting people from the stations to the High Street to increase footfall into the town centre.

### **6.10 Community Safety Implications**

The proposed arrangement may reduce the risk to public safety through safer access and egress and more effective dispersal of people from the High Street.

### **6.11 Environmental Impact**

None

## **6. Background Papers**

None

## 8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Dual Use Taxi Stand detailed in 2.2

Appendix 2: Taxi Stand detailed in 2.3