

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: DESIGNATED TAXI STANCE - MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE	
From: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES			
Date: 19 OCTOBER 2009	Ref: JM/GBM		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of deliberations in relation to a designated taxi stance and to seek authority for further action.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Paragraph 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, makes provision that the licensing authority may after consultation with persons or organisations appearing to them to be, or be representatives of the operators of taxis operating in the area, appoint stances for taxis for the whole or any part of a day in any road within their area, or on any land owned by the authority, or, with the consent of the owner, or any land owned by him.
- 2.2. At a meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership on 11 August 2009 in respect of Coatbridge Town Centre Action Plan it was agreed that consideration be given to identifying a suitable site for a designated taxi stance within Coatbridge Town Centre. It was recommended that this task be undertaken by the Head of the Council's Road & Transportation.
- 2.3. At a meeting of the Coatbridge Local Area Partnership on 6 October 2009 a representative from the Council's Road & Transportation informed the meeting that having given the matter full consideration with regard to public safety, road user and trader needs they indicated and recommended that a section of Main Street, within Coatbridge Town Centre be proposed as a designated taxi stance. The precise location being from 13 metres west of the western extended kerb line of Church Street, westwards for a distance of 40 metres along the north kerb line of Main Street, Coatbridge. It is envisaged that the stance would accommodate 6 to 7 taxis. A map of the location is appended hereto.
- 2.4. Paragraph 19(4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 requires that before appointing any stance for taxis the licensing authority shall give notice to the Chief Constable of the area in which the stance is situated and shall also give public notice of the proposal by advertisement in at least one newspaper circulating in the area and shall, take into consideration any objections or representations in respect of such proposal which may be made to them in writing within 28 days of the first publication of such notice.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

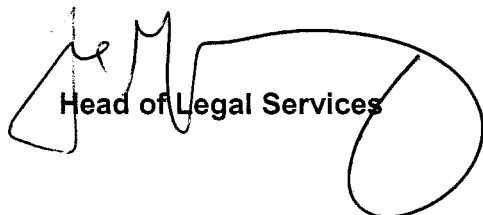
- 3.1. The Committee requires to consider taking into account the aforesaid reasons whether to proceed with the proposal to site a designated taxi stance at the location specified in the report at Main Street, Coatbridge.

4. **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1. The issues raised in this report do not significantly impact on the Council's wider policies or position.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

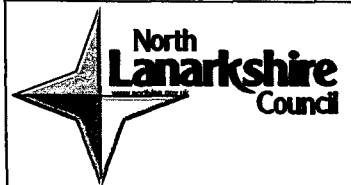
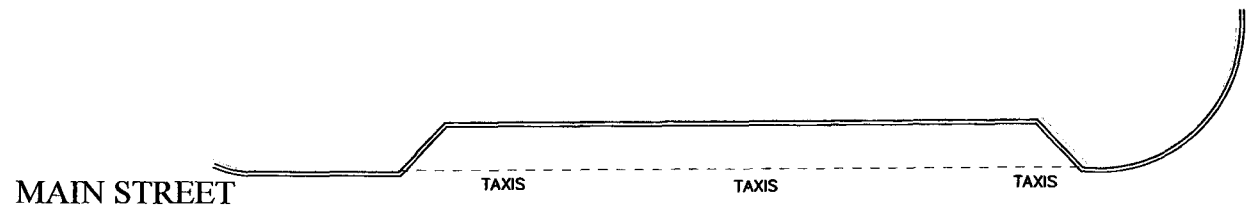
- 5.1. On balance the Committee is asked to consider the siting of a designated taxi stance at the proposed location, Main Street within Coatbridge Town Centre.
- 5.2. The Committee agree that the Council's Licensing Section write to the Chief Constable and advertise the proposed designated stance in the local press.
- 5.3. That the Committee recommend that the Council's Licensing Section remit any objections/representations to the Corporate Services Licensing Sub-Committee for their determination in respect of the proposal to site a designated taxi stance in Main Street, Coatbridge.



Head of Legal Services

Taxi Rank
 From 13m west of the western
 extended kerbline of Church
 Street, westwards for a distance
 of 40m along the north kerbline
 of Main Street

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