

 <b>Regulatory Committee</b> <b>2 March 2009</b>		<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
<b>Title</b>	Installation of a new part time taxi ranks in Leamington Spa	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Members' Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	None	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	07.01.2009	Robert Inman
Chief Executive		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal	07.01.2009	Peter Oliver
Finance	07.01.2009	Andy Crump
Portfolio Holder(s)	07.01.2009	Councillor Kinson
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
None		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The provision of new part time taxi ranks in Warwick Street and Spencer Street Leamington Spa

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree to the provision of a new part time taxi ranks.

## **3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It has become obvious by verbal communication from the police and taxi drivers that the north and south of Leamington require a defined and co-ordinated exit strategy. Part of that strategy is to provide night time only taxi ranks in front of La Tasca (previously Yates Wine Bar) in Warwick Street, Leamington Spa; (Appendix 1) and in front of Evolve/The Assembly in Spencer Street, Leamington Spa. (Appendix 2)The hours of operation are suggested as 20:00 to 05:00.
- 3.2 A wide consultation within the areas has been undertaken. Businesses, the Council's Community Safety Officer, the Police, Leamington Town Council and the Town Centre Manager have all been consulted. Previous provisional consent had been obtained by officers from the County Council Highways Authority.
- 3.3 All of the consultees were very much in favour of the proposal save for one business which had concerns regarding litter and damage. Officers spoke to the business concerned and explained that there would be no more activity there and, in fact, there may be less as the people would be able to be transported away quicker and more easily, which eased their fears.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 The alternative is not to have new part time ranks.

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 This report has no budgetary considerations for the Council, save for the cost of the advertisement and signage, which will be met from existing budgets.

## **6. POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 None

## **7. BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 None.