

## **RANK PROVISION**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Connecting Derby programme is nearly complete and the final changes to the layout of the city centre are taking place.
- 1.2 A review of the current hackney carriage rank provision would be useful to establish if any changes are necessary.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To approve a review of the hackney carriage rank provision in the city.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To ensure that the provision of hackney carriage ranks is still suitable and sufficient.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The Connecting Derby programme is nearly complete and the final changes to the layout of the city centre are due to be completed shortly.
- 4.2 There has been a lot of disruption whilst the works have been taking place and it has not therefore been possible to undertake a complete review during this time.
- 4.3 Whilst the works have been on-going, meetings with the hackney carriage and private hire trade representatives have taken place. Representatives from Connecting Derby and other Public Realm projects, such as the Morledge Improvement Scheme, have attended these meetings.
- 4.4 The trade have argued for sometime that there are not enough rank spaces in the city centre and would like more.
- 4.5 The review would also present an opportunity to consider whether any rank provision outside of the city centre is required.

- 4.6 As kerb space in the city centre is very valuable, the right balance between all the competing pressures needs to be made.
- 4.7 The Council is not obliged to provide any rank spaces. The only right in law is to 'drive around and be hailed'.
- 4.8 In order for the review to be effective, it needs to take into account the views of different stakeholders. It is proposed that the review includes the Police, Trade Representatives, service users and officers from traffic and transportation, parking services and licensing.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To do nothing and assume that there has been no impact on the provision of rank spaces following the completion of the Connecting Derby programme.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	Olu Idowu
<b>Financial officer</b>	n/a
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	n/a
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	n/a
<b>Other(s)</b>	None

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 None directly arising.

**Legal**

- 2.1 As set out in the report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising.

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 It is important to establish if the changes made in the city centre have had an affect on any individuals.

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None directly arising.

**Carbon commitment**

- 6.1 None directly arising.

**Value for money**

- 7.1 The review would ensure the Council is providing services effectively.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 8.1 The proposal supports the corporate priorities of **giving excellent services and value for money** and **creating a 21st century city centre**.