

# TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 21 April 2010

Report of the Corporate Director of Environmental Services

#### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES 2010/11**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 To agree the information contained in this report regarding the planned enforcement activities for 2010/11.
- 1.2 To approve the use of money from the reserve to undertake the proposed enforcement activities.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 At Committee on 10 February 2010, members discussed the proposed fees and charges for 2010/11 and agreed that, due to the continuing difficult economic climate, there would be no increase.
- 2.2 At the same time, Members were also clear that they did not wish to see enforcement activities reduced to compensate for this and were made aware of the request from the trade to carry out more enforcement work in addition to the exercises carried out with VOSA and the Police. Officers were asked to produce a plan of enforcement activities for the 2010/11 period.
- 2.3 As well as producing a plan, officers have also taken the opportunity to review the way in which future enforcement exercises are carried out. Information has been sought from neighbouring authorities about how they undertake their activities and the good practice that has been identified will be incorporated into our future exercises.
- 2.4 Officers propose to undertake six additional enforcement exercises during the year. The total cost is not expected to be more than £10,000 and will be dependent on the way each one is run. Members are therefore requested to approve the use of up to £10,000 from the reserve to undertake the additional enforcement activities.
- 2.5 The outcome of the enforcement exercises will be reported to Committee at future meetings.

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Background papers: None

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial**

1. None directly arising.

## Legal

2. None directly arising.

#### **Personnel**

3. None directly arising.

## **Equalities Impact**

4. None directly arising.

## Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The recommendations contained in this report contribute to the corporate objective of **giving excellent services and value for money**.