



REIGATE AND BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HACKNEY CARRIAGES SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL
9 and 10 FEBRUARY 2005

To the Members of the Panel:

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AGENDA

For meetings of the **HACKNEY CARRIAGES SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL** to be held on **WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY AND THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2005** at **6.30 p.m.** in the Front Committee Room at the Town Hall, Reigate.

Nigel Clifford
Chief Executive

1. **NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Appendices A & B

To receive the notes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 24 and 29 November 2004.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **ANALYSIS OF THE PANEL'S CONCLUSIONS**

Appendix C

Attached is an analysis of the results of the Panel's work on both the Hackney Carriages/Private Hire Conditions review and that undertaken into the Taxi Rank provision. It is set out in five A3 Tables that show the issue and benefit of change together with the consultation response and the outcome of the Panel's initial consideration of the issue.

Because of the volume of work required to complete this exercise two meetings have been allocated to provide sufficient time for the Panel to draw a conclusion on each issue.

A range of tests have been established for the Panel to consider in drawing its conclusions together. These are set out below:

1 Arising from the public consultation responses is there sufficient evidence to support the issue being recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee?

2 Should the original issue be changed in any way to take account of the implications that have been identified?

3 Is the Panel satisfied that there are well-reasoned coherent benefits for the proposed change that will either improve the service to the community or the trade?

4 Is the Panel of the view that on some issues, whilst there may not be significant benefits to either the community or the trade, that the changes will introduce improvements to the operation of the service (such as streamlined processes, improved information, modernised processes or in line with current legislation)?

5 Where there are significant financial implications on the trade on a particular issue is the Panel content that the overall benefits of an improved service outweigh the potential impact on the trade?

6 To ensure that the review is complete, should the Panel consider that a matter requires more information to draw a conclusion at this stage then it has the opportunity to state the reasons for that and when such a further review should be undertaken.

Action Required

The Panel is requested to indicate its conclusions and recommendations for each of the issues documented in the attached tables so that these can be put to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 March 2005.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5. DATE OF THE NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE PANEL

The date of the next meeting of the Panel is 10 February to finalise the Panel's report and recommendations.