REPORT TO: CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 27 SEPTEMBER 2010

REPORT ON: TAXI RANKS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 444-2010

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report considers the need to vary the traffic regulations to provide additional taxi ranks in the city centre.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the preparation of a Traffic Regulation Order to vary the taxi rank clearways to provide additional taxi ranks. The proposals are indicated on the attached plan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The estimated cost of providing the necessary signing and lining is estimated at £750 to be met from within the City Development Department's Car Park Trading Account. An additional £250 is required in annual maintenance costs for signing and lining and this will also be met from within the City Development Department's Car Park Trading Account.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As part of continuous discussions with representatives of the taxi trade requests have been made to provide additional ranks within the city centre.
- 4.2 Sites identified as being suitable are as follows:
 - a High Street (East Leg) between St Paul's Cathedral and Castle Street 3 spaces;
 - b Meadowside between Panmure Street and Royal Exchange Lane (2 spaces); and
 - c Nethergate adjacent to the DCA 3 spaces. This will be an evening only rank. Provision already exists for the daytime demand in South Tay Street.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, Assistant Chief Executive and the Legal Services Manager have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 There are no background papers of relevance to this report.

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