

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Regeneration)

Date: 27th March 2012

Subject: Update on Discussions with Leeds Bradford International Airport – Proposed Taxi Rank on Whitehouse Lane

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The Scrutiny Board on 17th January 2012 agreed that the Executive Board be recommended to consider proceeding with the cheaper option for the provision of a taxi rank on Whitehouse Lane.
2. The Executive Board on 10th February 2012 considered the attached report of the Director of City Development commenting on the Scrutiny Board's proposals on this issue. However, as previously reported it did not receive a report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development (copy attached) which sets out the Scrutiny Board's recommendations and explains the rationale for them.
3. In view of this oversight the scrutiny process has now been amended and in future scrutiny reports making recommendations to the Executive Board will be submitted direct to the Executive Board rather than through the relevant Director. Directors comments on Scrutiny recommendations to Executive Board will continue to be sought by scrutiny officers.

Decision of Executive Board

4. The full minute of the Executive Board on this matter of 10th February is set out below:
"Further to Minute No. 95, 12th October 2011, the Director of City Development submitted a report responding to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) following its inquiry into the full design option for the provision of a taxi

facility on Whitehouse Lane at Leeds Bradford International Airport. In determining this matter, the Board took into consideration all matters contained within the accompanying report.

In considering this matter, Members highlighted the need to secure a more flexible and inclusive approach towards taxi access at the airport and urged for an holistic and satisfactory resolution, befitting the airport's status. In this regard, Members made reference to the Forecourt Management Plan. The recommendations made by Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) were noted and it was highlighted that such recommendations could be revisited, should the need arise.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report, together with the response made to the Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) report and comments, be noted.
- (b) That the Scrutiny Board (Regeneration) recommendations arising from their review of the design option previously prepared for providing a taxi facility on Whitehouse Lane at Leeds Bradford International Airport be noted.”

Director of City Development

- 5. The Director City Development has been invited to attend today's meeting to update the Board on the position with regard to:
 - Further discussions the Director of City Development has had with the Leeds Bradford International Airport in order to develop an holistic and satisfactory resolution, befitting the airport's status on this matter.
 - Explain the Forecourt Management Plan and how this proposes to offer the public more choice in hiring private hire and hackney carriages at the airport.

Recommendations

- 6. The Board is asked to
 - (i) note that the scrutiny process has now been amended and in future scrutiny reports making recommendations to the Executive Board will be submitted direct to the Executive Board. A copy of the Scrutiny Board's report will continue to be sent to the relevant Director seeking his/her comments to the Scrutiny Board's proposals for his/her submission to Executive Board.
 - (ii) hear from the Director of City Development and comment as appropriate.
 - (iii) consider what, if any, further scrutiny is undertaken on this matter.

Background documents

- 7. None used