

**REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR**

**TO: NELSON COMMITTEE**

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**FORMER TAXI RANK, SAGAR STREET, NELSON**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To recommend that Members request the Executive to declare the land shown edged black on the plan surplus to requirements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That this Committee recommends the Executive to declare the land surplus to requirements in order for it to be sold for an alternative use subject to planning consent.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To achieve a capital receipt and end all liabilities.

**BACKGROUND**

1. A request was received in July 2016 to take a lease of the land for use as a car sales pitch, but in order for it to be used for an alternative use the Taxi Rank use had to be revoked.
2. It was resolved at Nelson Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 that the Planning, Licensing and Building Control Manager be authorised to advertise the revocation of the Taxi Rank, and if no representation is made that the rank be revoked in order for a lease of the land to be negotiated to an interested party for an alternative use.
3. The revocation was advertised in the Nelson Leader on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and there were objections from the Hackney Carriage owners in the Borough and The Hackney Drivers Association Ltd. Following consideration of the objections by Members, it was resolved by Nelson Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 that the taxi rank be revoked. Since the Taxi Rank was revoked there has been interest from three parties to purchase the land for Commercial uses.

## ISSUE

1. The Taxi Rank has been unused since the old bus station ceased to operate and a sale of the land would allow the land to be brought back into use. Any alternative use would require planning permission.

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** The Council identifies surplus land and property for inclusion in its Disposal Programme to support its Capital Programme. It is proposed that the land is sold on the open market by informal tender in order to achieve best price.

**Financial:** The sale of the land would result in a capital receipt for the Council.

**Legal:** No legal implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

**Risk Management:** On disposal of the land the risks and liabilities for the Council will cease.

**Health and Safety:** No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

**Sustainability:** No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

**Community Safety:** See risk management

**Equality and Diversity:** No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

## APPENDIX

Location plan

## LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None