

**Authority to agree recommendations from the London Councils to manage projected overspend on the Taxicard Scheme**

Additional Information and Recommendation

1. Since compiling the report relating to London Councils Projected overspend on the London wide Taxicard scheme, a further report has been received from them. This report was discussed at the London Council Environment committee which meets on 11<sup>th</sup> November.
2. Within this report there is an additional recommendation which requests boroughs to put in place a moratorium for any new members for the rest of this financial year.

The relevant paragraphs within the report state

**“Moratorium on New Members for the Rest of the Financial Year**

- Boroughs could consider a moratorium on new applicants joining the scheme from 15 November 2010 to 31 March 2011. During this period in 2009/10 5,216 new customers joined the scheme. If the same number joined this year and they took the average number of trips per member a moratorium will save around £236,000, taking into account current growth. If boroughs decide to take this measure at a later date the savings will be pro rata. This is a London wide figure, but figures are available on request for individual boroughs. These will vary from borough to borough as some schemes are bigger than others.
- This measure was not recommended in the October TEC report and in the consultation with boroughs, but unfortunately the delay in taking measures has resulted in a situation whereby the other savings alone may not be sufficient to cover the overspend. This option would not affect current members, but will mean that applicants who are assessed as being eligible will have to go on a waiting list.
- This additional recommendation was agreed at the meeting

**On this basis it is suggested that there be an additional recommendation**

- 2.3 That in light of further information received from London Councils that there is a moratorium for all new applicants this to apply from the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2010 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.**

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