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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**25 NOVEMBER 2015**

**BRIEFING NOTE:**

**SCRUTINY PANEL 3 –  
THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY IN  
RESPECT OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE**

**1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has continued with its evidence gathering with a meeting held on 22 October 2015.

**2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Scrutiny Panel held on 22 October 2015, the Scrutiny Panel received responses to its core questions from a variety of key expert advisors:

Cabinet Member for Environment  
Cabinet Member for Community Safety  
Senior Licensing Officer

- 2.2 The Scrutiny Panel also received a briefing paper that detailed précises of various Legislation. The Scrutiny Panel also finalised the date of a further site visit – mid December.
- 2.3 Further evidence gathering meetings are scheduled, with the next meeting being set for 26 November 2015.
- 2.4 The Chair of the Scrutiny Panel will continue to provide progress reports to each meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.5 It is envisaged that this Scrutiny review will conclude in March 2016, with the report of the Scrutiny Panel presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 11 April 2016.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the update is noted.

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