

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	16 OCTOBER 2017	10
<b>REVISED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY</b>			

### PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

### SUMMARY

To consider the comments received following the consultation process, the subsequent amendments and the recommendation of the Public Protection Committee in respect of the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider and approve the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy document.

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

20th September 2006 - The current policy was considered and approved by the Public Protection Committee following consultation. Whilst amendments have taken place to the Policy since it was introduced, this Policy represents the first significant re-write.

26th October 2016 - Public Protection Committee resolved "That the Committee authorises officers to carry out a full consultation exercise and report the results of the consultation exercise to the 15th February 2017.

19th July 2017 - Public Protection Committee - RESOLVED to recommend the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy for approval by full Council subject to amending the maximum age at first registration for wheelchair accessible hackney carriages to six years.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services ( <b>Value for Money</b> )	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council ( <b>Clean and Green</b> )	✓
Working with all partners ( <b>Vibrant Economy</b> )	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live ( <b>A Great Place to Live</b> )	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit ( <b>A Great Place to Visit</b> )	✓

### REPORT

- At the meeting of the Public Protection Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016, the Committee considered an item regarding the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and resolved to authorise officers

“to carry out a full consultation exercise and report the results of the consultation exercise to the 15th February 2017 Public Protection Committee.”

2. Following approval of the draft by the Committee, views were then invited from a number of interested parties on the policy document. This included taxi and private hire drivers, operators of taxi and private hire vehicles, taxi and private hire users, and interested parties including disability groups, local partnership groups, transport user groups and residents' associations. In addition, the document was published on the Council Web site.
3. The consultation exercise took place between the 28th November 2016 and 17th February 2017. The exercise resulted in a small number of responses, the vast majority from those directly involved in the provision of taxi and private hire services.
4. All of the responses received have been recorded and included in the document attached to this report at appendix 1, "Consultation on the Draft Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy - Summary of the Representations and Responses Received."
5. As can be seen from the above document, all responses have been given due consideration and a number of changes have been made to the policy in light of the responses, and are identified in the final column to the above document.
6. During the meeting of the Public Protection Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, representation was made to the Committee by Giles Bridge of A2Z Licensing on behalf of Whitesides Taxis, suggesting that the maximum age at first registration for wheelchair accessible hackney carriages be six years rather than the 4 proposed in the policy, the previous restriction being a maximum of 2 years. The Committee resolved to recommend this request and the policy has been updated accordingly.
7. The revised Hackney & Private Hire Policy, which reflects the changes recommended as a result of the consultation responses is attached to this report at appendix 2.
8. Council is therefore requested to consider and approve the revised policy document as attached.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Legal	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	There are no implications arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	There are no implications arising directly from the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Public Protection Committee	19 July 2017	<a href="#">Report and Minutes from Public Protection</a>

#### Attached documents

Appendix 1 - Summary of Responses

Appendix 2 - Revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy