

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	8 SEPTEMBER 2021	5
<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 and the subsequent amendments to the draft Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy, in light of the consultation.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The current policy was considered and approved by the Public Protection Committee following consultation on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The Policy prior to this was approved on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and whilst amendments had taken place to the Policy since it was introduced, the current Policy represented its first significant re-write.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	√
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

### REPORT

1. At the meeting of the Public Protection Committee held on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the Committee considered an item regarding the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and resolved to authorise:
  1. That the Committee notes the Department for Transport correspondence regarding Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards;
  2. That the Committee authorises Officers to conduct a full consultation exercise and report the results of the consultation exercise to a subsequent meeting of the Public Protection Committee.
2. Following the approval of the draft by the Committee, views were then invited from a number of interested parties on the approved draft policy document. This included taxi and private hire drivers, operators of taxi and

private hire vehicles, taxi and private hire users, and interested parties. In addition, the document was published on the Council Web site.

3. The consultation exercise took place between the 19<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and this is the first opportunity to report back to the Committee. The exercise resulted in a small number of responses, all from those directly involved in the provision of taxi and private hire services.
4. The responses received have been recorded and included in the document attached to this report at appendix 1.
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 draft consultation policy document in light of the responses, and are identified in the final column to the above document.
6. 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.
7. Members are therefore asked to consider and approve the revised policy document as attached.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	None arising directly from the report.
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from the report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		

Attached documents

Appendix 1 - Revised Licensing Policy - Schedule of Responses

Appendix 2 - Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy - 2020-2025