

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE	19 JULY 2017	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.

### RECOMMENDATION

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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and whilst amendments have taken place to the Policy since it was introduced, this Policy represents the first significant re-write.

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."
- Following the approval of the draft by the Committee, working party, 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 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 and this is the first opportunity to report back to the Committee. 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 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	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

Attached documents

- Appendix 1 - Summary of Responses  
Appendix 2 - Revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy