

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Taxi and Private Hire Working Group – Update Membership

14 October 2022

Report of the Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The taxi and private hire working group, a recognised group tasked with addressing issues affecting the local trade requires further membership following changes with appointments to Licensing Committee.

This report is public.

Recommendations.

- (1) **That the Committee appoint at least one further member to the taxi and private hire working group and consider an additional representative following a request from Cllr Mel Guiding to maintain her attendance with the group in her capacity as disability champion.**

Report

- 1.1 It was approved at a meeting of the former Licensing Regulatory Committee on 31st August 2017 to establish a taxi and private hire working party.
- 1.2 The taxi and private hire working group was designed to bring together individuals, including elected members, stakeholders and Council Officers who possess the relevant knowledge and skills of the subject area, who will act collectively to undertake assigned tasks and activities to achieve the project's objectives; in this case ensuring the continued review, development and improvement of the Council's taxi and private hire services.
- 1.3 Following a request from the Licensing service to the licensed trade, the group does have Hackney Carriage/Private Hire and Private Hire Operator representatives in attendance. The last meeting of the group was held at Morecambe Town Hall on 20th September 2022.
- 1.4 The current make-up of the group is as follows.
 - Councillors Hartley (Chair), Gardiner and Hamilton-Cox
 - Licensing Manager
 - Licensing Enforcement Officer
 - Private Hire representatives
 - 1 Hackney Carriage representatives
- 1.5 Due to changes in membership of the Licensing Committee it would be beneficial to appoint further members to attend and contribute to the working group.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**Human Resources:**

None

Information Services:

None

Property:

None

Open Spaces:

None

S151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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