

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Taxi and Private Hire Working Group – Review and Appointment

8 June 2023

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 three members of Licensing Committee to attend and contribute to the taxi working party.
- (2) The chair of Licensing Committee has historically attended and chaired the taxi working party meetings.

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 The make-up of the taxi working party was agreed as follows.
 - At least 3 Councillors (including Chair of Licensing Committee)
 - Licensing Manager
 - Licensing Enforcement Officer(s)
 - 1 x Private Hire representatives
 - 1 x Hackney Carriage representatives
- 1.5 Due to limited numbers of the licensed trade expressing an interest in representing the trade /contributing to the meeting, it was agreed that all those expressing an interest could attend. It included 1 private hire operator, 4 licensed drivers (private hire and hackney carriage).
- 1.6 All those previously attending will be invited to contribute, furthermore expressions of interests will be sought for appointed representatives of the licensed trade. It is important that the views of the majority are considered when discussing matters

affecting the local trade. It imperative that members know what weight to place on the views of those attending.

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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