

**EXECUTIVE DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER
NOTICE OF DECISION**

TITLE OF DECISION: NATIONAL REGISTER OF TAXI LICENCE REVOCATIONS AND REFUSALS	
NAME OF DECISION TAKER:	CLLR DAVE BROOKES
POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITY HELD:	CABINET MEMBER WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
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Details of Decision:	
<p>That the recommendations of the Licensing Committee with regard to the adoption of the National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals be adopted as detailed below:</p>	
<p>(1) the Council joins the National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals;</p>	
<p>(2) the Council's application forms and explanatory literature be updated appropriately to ensure that hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver licence applicants are aware that, should their application be refused or their licence revoked, their details will be added to the Register for a period of 25 years;</p>	
<p>(3) a search of historical records be carried out to identify those drivers who have had their licences refused or revoked;</p>	
<p>(4) authority to introduce the Register and to determine which historical records of refused or revoked drivers are added to the Register be delegated to the Commercial Protection Manager and Licensing Manager;</p>	
<p>(5) the cost of registration administration of the Register be met from hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver fees and private hire operator fees.</p>	

Reasons for the decision:

The register has been developed by the Local Government Association and is supported in a report published in September 2018 by the Department for Transport Task and Finish Group, looking at taxi licensing issues. The register aims to enhance the “fit and proper” standard applied to taxi driver licence applications by providing a central database where decisions of refused and revoked taxi driver licences are recorded. This information will assist other local authorities in determining whether a person is fit and proper to be a licensed driver. The database will contain personal details of applicants/ licence drivers and, as such, robust data protection requirements apply. Access to the database is restricted to those authorities who have signed up / adopted the register, including compliance with data protection requirements detailed in the associated LGA Guidance.

The Cabinet member with special responsibility for Licensing requested that the Licensing Committee be consulted regarding any decision to adopt the National Register of Taxi Licence Revocations and Refusals. The Licensing Committee considered the matter at its meeting on 9 January 2020; a copy of the report and appendices is attached. Section 4 of the Committee report detailed the 2 options available to the Council; namely, to either adopt or not adopt the register. The report detailed the merits/ disadvantages of each of the options. The Officers’ recommendations were to adopt the register and this was supported in the detailed recommendation made by the Licensing Committee.

IS THE DECISION URGENT

No

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED ON THE ABOVE DECISION AND THAT IT IS URGENT AND REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES. (IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 17 OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES)

SIGNATURE OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN: N/A

I confirm that I have taken account of the options proposed by officers, the various implications set out in the report and the comments of the Monitoring and Section 151 Officers and am authorising the decision as set out above.

SIGNATURE OF DECISION TAKER: Cllr Dave Brookes

DATE: 4.12.20

<i>THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</i>			REF NO.	ICMD9
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