

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Taxi and Private Hire Working Group – Appointment

27 June 2024

Report of the Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To appoint further membership to the taxi working group and provide an update at the request of the Licensing Committee to include reference to partnership in the name of the group.

This report is public.

Recommendations.

- (1) That further appointments are made form members of Licensing Committee to the taxi working group.
- (2) Members note the Officer comments in relation to the groups name and amend as necessary.

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 Councils taxi and private hire services.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 6 June 2024, following a discussion regarding the make-up of the group, which is currently Licensing Manager/Officers, Chair of Licensing Committee, Cllr Maddocks, Pattinson, Bottoms and Bradley, members resolved to invite Police representatives and Disability Champion to future meetings. Furthermore, the Licensing Manager was to invite expressions of interest from the local licensed trade from those wishing to attend contribute to future meetings.
- 1.4 An email has been circulated inviting expressions of interest, to date, 2 responses have been received. (A reminder will be sent and an update will be provided at the meeting) It is important that a cross section of individuals is invited to attend the group so that members receive up to date, accurate views of the majority. Allowing them to make informed policy decisions and recommendations.
- 1.5 Members may wish to discuss further membership of the group, as necessary.

- 1.6 The Licensing Manager was asked to consider whether it is possible to include a reference to a partnership in the name of the group going forward.
- 1.7 It is important to note that the taxi working group is not a constitutional arrangement and can therefore be called something else. The word partnership is saved for collaborative working alongside responsible authorities and should be avoided in arrangements with those the Council regulate.
- 1.8 It is suggested by the Local Government Association (LGA) that Taxi and Private Hire Liaison Group be more appropriate for such arrangements.

**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.

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