

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Taxi and Private Hire Liaison Group – Appointment

12 June 2025

Report of the Licensing Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of the report is to appoint members of Licensing Committee to the Taxi and Private Hire Liaison Group.

This report is public.

Recommendations.

- (1) That the Committee appoint members of Licensing Committee to attend and contribute to the taxi and private hire liaison group.
- (2) The chair of Licensing Committee has historically attended and chaired the 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, renamed the taxi and private hire liaison group.
- 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 The make-up of the taxi working party was agreed as follows.
 - Councillors (including Chair of Licensing Committee)
 - Licensing Manager
 - Licensing Enforcement Officer(s)
 - 1 x Private Hire representatives
 - 1 x Hackney Carriage representatives
- 1.4 This was amended to include all members of Licensing Committee to ensure the meetings were quorate. Additionally, we invited expressions of interest from the licensed trade from those wishing to attend, the Licensing Manager and then chair of Licensing Committee determined the representatives, based on a suitability matrix, including licensing history, values and behaviours.
- 1.4 The group now includes representation of the 4 largest operators of private hire vehicles and hackney carriage proprietors. The Councils disability champion,

highways enforcement and police representative. Those from the trade who have attended in the previous 12 months have contributed effectively to the group.

- 1.5 Members are asked to consider re-appointing all members of Licensing Committee, including the chair to the group and maintain the current trade representatives.

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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