

**Summary of the Decisions Taken at the Meeting  
of Licensing Committee held on 18 January 2023**

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
6	<p><b>Consultation on Revisions to the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Regulatory Services &amp; Community Safety</p> <p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p> <p>The Council is currently consulting on proposals to amend the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy ('the policy'). This report provides a summary of the background to the proposed changes to the policy and the consultation process being followed. It also outlines the intended timetable for formal decision on any changes to the policy.</p> <p>The Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy must be approved by Full Council. The Licensing Committee is constituted to "deal with all matters which are the responsibility of the Council in relation to hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by the Council". Therefore, it is appropriate that the Licensing Committee should consider any proposed changes to the policy and provide comment for consideration when preparing the final policy to be proposed to Full Council for adoption.</p> <p>The Council has a statutory duty to ensure the proper administration of</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That, with due consideration, the following comments are made for consideration in the preparation of the final policy to be passed to Full Council for adoption:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorse the changes proposed by officers and the further revisions intended as a result of consultation feedback as outlined in their introduction to the Committee.</li> <li>• Request officers consider how vintage vehicles used for private hire can be included in the policy.</li> <li>• For officers to look into how wheelchair accessibility vehicles will meet the ultra-low emissions policy to ensure the emissions policy does not reduce availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles.</li> <li>• Thanks to the officers for the hard work they have put into creating the draft policy.</li> </ul>

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	<p>taxi licensing legislation in the district. Taxi services are an important part of the local economy and therefore fulfilling this statutory duty contributes to the Council's priority to ensure the district has an enterprising economy with strong and vibrant local centres. The primary purpose of the licensing regime is to promote public safety and therefore the Council's work to licence taxi drivers, vehicles and operators also supports the commitment to work with partners to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour. Further, the proposed revisions to the licensing policy include measures to reduce the carbon emissions of the taxi fleet in support of the council's commitment to protect the environment and to help achieve net zero targets.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Committee is recommended to:</p> <p>1.1 Review the proposed changes to the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy, and responses received to date during the public consultation on those proposed changes, and provide comment for consideration in the preparation of the final policy to be proposed to Full Council for adoption.</p>	