

Agenda Item

REPORT OF LEAD LICENSING OFFICER
To: LICENSING COMMITTEE
Subject: REVIEW OF TAXI POLICY
Date: 26 JANUARY 2022

Reference:

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present to the Committee the revised Licensing Policy for Taxis and Private Hire Licences.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Council commenced a review of the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy in February 2021 and the final recommendations were presented to the Licensing Committee on 27 October 2021.

2. REPORT

The draft policy has now been updated with the recommendations approved at the Licensing Committee meeting on 27 October 2021. The revised policy document is presented to the Committee for final approval and implementation.

It is proposed the revised policy commences on 1st April 2022.

The policy is detailed in Appendix C.

3. IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications

Although there is no legal duty on the Authority to publish a licensing policy for hackney carriage and private hire licences, the absence of a robust policy would leave the Authority open to legal challenge.

Financial Implications

None

Human Resources Implications

None

Sustainability Implications

None

Equality/Diversity

None

Risk Management

As legal implications

Compliance with Policies and Strategies

The policy will be reviewed in conjunction with the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan

Data Protection (GDPR) Implications

Any amendments to the policy will comply with data protection requirements

Climate Change

The policy will seek to implement measures to reduce the effects of climate change and will be in accordance with the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan

Lead Member Views

Councillor McKenzie, Chair, has been consulted.

4. CONCLUSIONS

The consultation process has been completed and the amendments to the policy agreed. Members are asked to approve the revised policy.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members approve the revised policy.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultations:	In accordance with the agreed schedule
Contact Officer:	Chris Parkhouse
Background Papers:	Licensing data area/files