

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE	24th NOVEMBER 2015

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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
INTRODUCTION OF A TAXI LICENSING POLICY	REGENERATION AND LEISURE	NIKY BARRETT	6

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

A report introducing the draft Taxi Licensing Policy for consideration and consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Committee consider the draft policy at Appendix A and subject to any amendments they may wish to make, authorise officers to undertake a formal consultation.
2. The Committee authorise the Director of Neighbourhoods, Environmental Health and Assets in consultation with the Chairman of General Licensing Committee, to consider any responses and amend the policy if necessary to reflect the consultation, before it is presented to full Council for adoption.

DETAILS AND REASONING

The Council does not have a comprehensive policy covering the regulation of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade within the Borough. Instead the Licensing Authority's policy can be found within numerous decisions taken by the General Licensing Committee over the years.

As part of the transformation of the way in which this Council delivers its' Licensing services a policy, bringing together all of these decisions and precedents has been drafted.

The terms and conditions for the various types of licences involved, have also been updated to reflect the current climate and an enforcement policy including a local penalty points system is proposed.

The draft policy which forms appendix A to this report, has been produced to provide a clear and transparent approach to the regulation of the taxi trade which will assist members, officers the travelling public and trade alike.

It is proposed to carry out a formal public consultation exercise ending on 1st Jan 2016, which will enable the final draft to be considered for adoption at the January meeting of the full Council.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas shown below. A risk assessment has also been carried out. The table shows the implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None
LEGAL	None
RISK	None
THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None
OTHER (see below)	

<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>
<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Draft Policy (Appendix A)