
REPORT TO:	ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE STANDARDS	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members note the consideration of the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards.
- 1.2 That the proposed changes to the Private Hire Licensing Policy and Private Hire Vehicle, Driver and Operator Conditions are approved to come into effect in January 2021.

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 of this report.

3. Detail

- 3.1 In July 2020, the Department of Transport issued the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards ("the Standards"). The Standards include recommendations on the exercising the taxi and private hire licensing functions to protect, in particular, children and vulnerable adults in addition to all users of the trade. The Standards require that the recommendations are implemented by each Licensing Authority unless there is a compelling local reason not to do so. The Standards require all licensing authorities to publish their consideration of the recommendations detailed in the Standards. This Licensing Authorities consideration of the recommendations is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Amendment of Private Hire Licensing Policy and Private Hire Vehicle, Driver and Operator Conditions

- 3.2 As a result of the consideration of the recommendations within the Standards, minor

amendments were required to update the Private Hire Licensing Policy as well as the Private Hire Vehicle, Driver and Operator Conditions. Officers conducted a 12 weeks consultation exercise on the minor amendments with all existing licence holders and members of the public via the Council's website.

3.3 One response was received during the consultation period in relation to the proposed minor amendments. The response identified a typo within the documents which has been amended.

3.6 A copy of the draft Policy and Conditions with the proposed changes highlighted are attached as **Appendix 2 to 5**.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.

5. Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

5.1 None

Legal Implications

5.2 None

Corporate Plan Implications

5.3 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the protection of local residents, children, and vulnerable adults from the potential harms of private hire licensing seriously, which contributes to the value of taking pride in our place and striving for excellence in all we do.

Risk Impact

5.4 None

6. Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 Consultation has taken place with all relevant bodies.

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 None

Social Value Impact

6.3 The proposals will protect all residents in South Derbyshire from the potential harms of poor private hire licensing standards.

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None

6. Background Papers

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards