REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL AND AGENDA ITEM: 9

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS' DOC:

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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF CCTV IN PRIVATE REF:

HIRE VEHICLES POLICY

WARD(S) TERMS OF

AFFECTED: ALL REFERENCE: EDS13

1. Recommendations

1.1 That Members approve the CCTV in Private Hire Vehicles Policy ("the Policy").

2. Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with the outcome of a consultation with interested parties.
- 2.2 To provide Members with the necessary information to be able to give full consideration to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1.1 of this report.

3. <u>Detail</u>

3.1 At the Private Hire Driver's Forum held in March 2015, there was a question as to whether licensed private hire vehicles could have CCTV in their vehicles. The response from Officers was that CCTV could be installed in licensed private hire vehicles but there are legal requirements that the owner of the vehicle must comply with for data protection reasons. It was agreed at the Forum that the Licensing Authority would put a Policy in place for owners to comply with when installing CCTV in licensed private hire vehicles.

Consultation

- 3.2 A consultation took place between 14th September and 23rd October 2015. Copies of the Policy were sent to all licensed private hire drivers and operators. The Policy was also placed on the Council's website.
- 3.3 No responses were received during the consultation. The draft Policy is attached as **Appendix 1.**

4. <u>Financial Implications</u>

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.
- 4.2 Recommendation 1.1 may have financial implications on existing licence holders if they decide to install CCTV in their licensed private hire vehicle. It is not a mandatory requirement to install CCTV in private hire vehicles.

5. <u>Corporate Implications</u>

5.1 These proposals will continue to demonstrate to members of the public that the Council takes the protection of local residents, children, and vulnerable adults seriously, which contributes to the theme of safety and security.