



Leicester
City Council

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LICENSING & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

9 July 2019

TAXI STRATEGY - DRIVER LICENSING CONSULTATION

Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consult the Committee on the content of the public consultation regarding policies and procedures associated with the licensing of taxi drivers. This is in connection with the taxi strategy, which is being overseen by Cllr Clair in his role as Deputy City Mayor.

2. Background

- 2.1 A new taxi strategy will update and improve the Council's approach to taxi licensing. It is expected that this will provide tangible benefits to the travelling public, the trade and the Council, whilst also contributing to wider improvements such as air quality.
- 2.2 The Deputy City Mayor has previously approved the vision and objectives for 2025 and at the time of writing the report, is being asked to confirm the final list of deliverable actions under the taxi strategy. Assuming approval is given these will be published shortly, followed by consultation on the individual aspects of the taxi strategy.
- 2.3 Consultation documents are being prepared for phase 1, relating to taxi drivers. Officers have reviewed the existing policies and procedures and identified areas for improvement, both in connection with the taxi strategy and to bring them up to date. The Deputy City Mayor is responsible for approving policy on matters such as this and therefore the Committee is asked to comment on the proposals.

3. Consultation proposals

- 3.1 A committee report dated 12 February 2019, confirmed that the Licensing and Public Safety Committee will be involved in changes to policies on licensing drivers, operators and vehicles, and that reports will be brought to the Committee at the appropriate time.
- 3.2 The first phase of the consultation process involves the policies and procedures relating to taxi drivers. At the time of writing the report, the draft consultation document has not

been approved by the Deputy City Mayor. However, it is anticipated that this will be completed and circulated to Members prior to the meeting of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee.

3.3 The consultation will be carried out via an online survey on the consultation hub. Details of the consultation will be sent to existing drivers licensed by Leicester City Council, as well as private hire operators, responsible authorities such as the police, and the general public.

4. Recommendation

Members are asked to comment on the proposed consultation document.

5 Financial & Legal Implications

Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, ext 37 4081

Legal Implications

5.2 In the absence of sight of the draft consultation, Legal are not able to comment on that aspect. The detail of individual proposals may require specific advice in due course. Subject to this, the report does not raise any other legal issues.

John Moss, Solicitor, Legal Services, ext 37 3010

6 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None

7 Consultations

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