



Leicester  
City Council

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

**LICENSING & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**12 February 2019**

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**TAXI STRATEGY - UPDATE**

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**Report of the Director of Neighbourhood and Environmental Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee of the work plan in relation to the taxi strategy.

**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 been briefed on the taxi strategy and a proposed process and timetable. He has approved a proposed list of deliverables to be explored further.

**3. Work programme**

- 3.1 The proposed programme takes account of the status of work in progress, dependencies between the different elements, officer resources and election related constraints.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the strategic vision is agreed by June 2019, with officers carrying out background work for final approval after the elections in May 2019. Work would then begin on various strands of taxi licensing such as drivers, operators, vehicles and infrastructure. The aim is to complete the strategy by spring 2020.
- 3.3 The Licensing and Public Safety Committee will be involved in changes to policies on licensing drivers, operators and vehicles. Reports will be brought to the Committee at the appropriate time.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are asked to note the report.

## **5 Financial & Legal Implications**

### **Financial Implications**

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

*Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, ext 37 4081*

### **Legal Implications**

5.2 There are no legal implications at this stage.

*John Moss, Solicitor, Legal Services, ext 37 3010*

## **6 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972**

None

## **7 Consultations**

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