

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 22 MARCH 2011

DRAFT TAXI LICENSING POLICY

Report of the: Community and Planning Services Director

Status: For Information

Executive Summary:

This report introduces the draft taxi licensing policy which has been prepared for consultation. This Authority is required to review regularly its Taxi Licensing Policy. The last policy was reviewed in January 2008.

Prior to consultation with the taxi licensing trade the report in Appendix B is brought to the Licensing Committee for their information. Please note that the areas that have changed have been highlighted in italics.

This report supports the Key Aim of safe communities and effective management of Council Resources.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Mrs Bracken

Head of Service Head of Environmental and Operational Services – Mr Richard Wilson

Recommendation:

That the report be noted.

Key Implications

Financial

1. The failure of the Authority to review, consult and publish the Taxi Licensing Policy on a regular basis may result in a Judicial review being brought against the Council.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

2. Should parts of the industry believe the authority's Taxi Licensing Policy is not sound it would be open to them to undertake judicial review proceedings.
3. This authority's legal services will be consulted to ensure we are compliant with the taxi legislation.

Equality

Item No. 7

4. Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles available to all groups within the community.

RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

Sources of Information: Local Government (Miscellaneous) Provisions Act 1976.

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