

Decision Schedule



Licensing Committee

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Licensing Sub-Committee took the following decision on 5 September 2017 and they are effective immediately.

Councillors D Davies (in the Chair), H Thomas (Deputy Chair), M Rahman, T Holyoake, G Berry, M Cornelious, V Dudley and J Watkins

Apologies for absence: Councillors J Cleverly and C Jenkins

LIC01/17

Revised Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Conditions and Policies

Options considered/reason for decision:

To advise the Licensing Committee of the results of the public consultation on the proposed revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire "Taxi" Licensing Policies and to ask the Committee to agree the revisions and recommend to the Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation that they be approved.

In 2012, the Licensing Authority undertook a full revision of its Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Conditions and Policies. Officers believed it was now timely to review these "taxi" policies once more and make the necessary and appropriate changes to ensure they meet new legislation (Deregulation Bill & Equality Act) and also importantly consider driver conduct standards in light of recent national Child Exploitation cases involving "taxi" drivers. It was also an opportunity to improve the standards of the trade and to ensure that the Council as the Licensing Authority had efficient processes. The revised policies have been out for public consultation and they were presented in Appendix A for the Committee to consider, agree and recommend to the Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation that they be approved.

Decision

The Licensing Committee unanimously agreed to the revised Council Taxi Licensing Policies and Conditions and recommended to the Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation that they be approved. Other than the section regarding Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers parking on the Queensway Road bus lane found on Page 21 of the Policy. The committee recommend this should be removed from the policy. The committee agreed that it is inappropriate to include this proposal at this stage and instead expect Officers to work will trade and other stakeholders to ensure drop off and pick up areas.

Implemented by: Head of Law & Regulation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate
