

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Licensing and Regulation

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 4 February 2020. They will become effective at Noon on 12 February 2020 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 11 February 2020.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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Proposed Adoption of Institute of Licensing Guidance on Determining the Suitability of Applicants and Licensees in the Hackney and Private Hire Industry

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Licensing Committee and Licensing Manager regularly consider the fitness and propriety of new applicants or current licence holders to determine if an applicant is 'fit and proper' to hold a hackney carriage or private hire drivers' licence, having regard to the overall aim of protecting the public. When assessing "fitness" consideration is given to an applicant's criminal convictions as well as other matters such as allegations, charges, complaints or conduct.

The authority has in place an adopted policy to provide guidance on the treatment of convictions, cautions and criminal charges in respect of new applicants and existing hackney carriage/private hire drivers and operators. This particular policy has been in place since 2017. The Institute of Licensing (IOL) have issued guidance on this general area and Newport City Council now has the option of adopting their recommended standard. A revised policy has been produced containing the IOL additional measures.

Decision

To approve public consultation on a proposed revised Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Policy regarding fitness and propriety of new applicants or current licence holders in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Industry.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Law & Regulation
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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