

Report of the Chief Executive

CONSULTATION ON THE COUNCIL'S HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY1. Purpose of report

To advise Members of the result of the consultation on the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and to propose a final policy for adoption.

2. Detail

At the Licensing and Appeals Committee meeting on 8 December 2020, Members considered the proposed revised proposals to the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy following publication of the Department for Transport (DfT) Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards and recommended that the proposals be consulted upon.

A consultation was commenced on 2 January 2021 and ran for eight weeks closing on 8 March 2021.

There were no responses to the consultation. A list of the proposed amendments is attached as appendix 1. A copy of the proposed revised policy is attached as appendix 2.

A letter from the Transport Minister for Roads, Buses and Places advises that the review should be completed before 31 December 2021, so that any changes to policies can be in place as soon as possible in 2022. A copy of the letter is attached as appendix 5.

3. Financial implications

There are no financial implications for this report.

4. Equality Impact Assessment

The proposed policy is attached at appendix 3, with the revised Equality Impact Assessment at appendix 4.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the proposed policy be approved.

Background papers

Nil.