

Report of the Chief Executive

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE1. Purpose of Report

To consider the proposed Department for Transport (DfT) Best Practice Guidance and to formulate a response to the consultation on the content of the guidance.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that a response to the Department of Transport Best Practice Guidance be approved and submitted.

3. Detail

The DfT issued Best Practice Guidance to assist those licensing authorities in England and Wales that have responsibility for the regulation of the taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) trades in 2006. The Guidance was previously revised and updated in 2010. This has recently been updated to take into account stakeholder views and changes in the way the sector operates.

The DfT is seeking views from the public, licensing authorities and the taxi and PHV industry on the proposed updated version. The consultation commenced on 28 March 2022 and closes on 20 June 2022.

A copy of the proposed best practice guidance is attached at appendix 1 and the consultation response questions are attached at appendix 2.

It is proposed that a response be drafted following discussion of the Best Practice Guidance and submitted to the DfT prior to the consultation deadline.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Council in responding to the consultation. Whilst there may be a future financial impact depending upon any changes made to the Taxi Policy in future, these would potentially be recouped through increased charges.

5. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications in responding to the consultation.

6. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no Data Protection issues.

7. Equality Impact Assessment

No current change to policy.

8. Background Papers

Nil