



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

26 April 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

TAXI LICENSING POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2006/7

RECOMMENDATION

1. To agree the policy priorities for the Taxi Licensing Section for 2006/7.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 As a result of the review of Taxi Licensing in 2002 the section has undergone significant change and modernisation over the last three years. Two key items from the improvement plan still require attention:
 - 1 The Knowledge Test. This requires a complete overhaul to simplify the process of setting and marking the test, which is currently very time-intensive, and modernise the format. Revising the knowledge test will be a major piece of work for the Section. The revised test format will be referred back to this committee for consideration and there will be consultation with the taxi trade.
 - 2 Enforcement Priorities. The setting of priorities for enforcement activity will enable targeting of resources at the areas of greatest concern (based upon a visit-assessed approach).
- 2.2 A third priority, reviewing the Licensing Sub-Committee A Guidelines has also been identified; this is the subject of a separate report to this committee.
- 2.3 It is proposed that Licensing Managers focus on addressing these three priorities, with other policy matters being deferred to a later date unless they are considered particularly urgent.

IMPLICATIONS**Financial**

1. None.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities Impact

- 4 The improvements to the priority areas identified will help ensure that all members of the taxi trade are treated fairly and equitably, and that all citizens of Derby are protected by the Council's Licensing and enforcement activities.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. The matter comes under the Council's priority of reducing inefficiency by improving business processes and ability to perform.

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Background papers:
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