

LICENSING COMMITTEE
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Derby City Council

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ITEM 07

Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Licensing: Protecting Users – Consultation

Purpose

- 1.1 To address the concerns identified in taxi and private hire licensing regimes by the lessons learnt from the Jay and Casey reports and ensure that taxi & private hire services provided to the public are safe.
- 1.2 The Department for Transport are seeking views on proposed recommendations contained in statutory guidance to taxi and private hire licensing authorities on how their licensing powers can be exercised in order to safeguard children & vulnerable adults.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To consider the proposed recommendations within the Department of Transport Consultation on Statutory Guidance for Licensing Authorities and debate the proposed specimen responses set out at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 To agree the final response to the Department for Transport Consultation on Statutory Guidance for Licensing Authorities on behalf of Derby City Council.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 To bring high common standards, sharing of information and enforcement powers which will ensure public safety to those using taxi & private hire services.
- 3.2 To ensure greater consistency in licensing in particular with respect for safety of the taxi and private hire trade.
- 3.3 To ensure the Council provides a response to the Department for Transport's consultation on proposed statutory guidance.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The Department for Transport have issued a consultation document on their proposal to introduce statutory guidance for licensing authorities. This is set out at Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The consultation runs from the 12 February 2019 to 22 April 2019.
- 4.3 Attached at Appendix 2 are specimen responses to the consultation for Committee to consider.
- 4.4 Attached at Appendix 3 is the proposed statutory guidance for licensing authorities.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Not applicable.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 Dependent on the outcome of the consultation and any statutory guidance issued, additional resources may be required to implement the requirements. These will need to be assessed at a future date.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None directly arising from the report.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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