



Derby City Council

LICENSING COMMITTEE **14 July 2016**

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities
and Place

ITEM 7

Correspondence from Rossendale Borough Council

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following our continued involvement with Rossendale Borough Council working with them on the issue of their licensed drivers undertaking third party private hire work in Derby and elsewhere, we have received correspondence from them setting out the actions they have taken.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the correspondence received from Rossendale Borough Council and make comments if applicable.
- 2.2 To request that the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive responds to the Leader of Rossendale Borough Council thanking them for the information provided.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure Members are aware of the measures taken by Rossendale Borough Council and make provision for any comments Committee wish to make.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Members will recall the practice of some of our private hire operators using third party vehicles licensed elsewhere to undertake private hire work.
- 4.2 Whilst this practice was legitimate, it created a number of issues which the Council sought to address with changes to licence conditions.
- 4.3 Since then, officers from the licensing team have maintained contact with Licensing Officers from Rossendale Borough Council, including some joint enforcement work.

- 4.4 Correspondence has recently been received from the Leader of Rossendale Borough Council by means of an update on the variety of steps they have recently taken in order to address the number of Rossendale licensed drivers and vehicles working in other areas. A copy of the letter received is attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.5 Members will note that, in addition to this information, the letter also sets out a number of other steps Rossendale have either introduced or are considering to further ensure their processes and procedures are robust.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Olu Idowu
Financial officer	n/a
Human Resources officer	n/a
Estates/Property officer	n/a
Service Director(s)	n/a
Other(s)	Michael Kay

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Correspondence from Rossendale Borough Council

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None directly arising.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising.

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- 4.1 None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 None directly arising.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 The measures set out by Rossendale Borough Council will contribute to continued public safety.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None directly arising.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None directly arising.

Risk Management and Safeguarding

- 9.1 The measures set out by Rossendale Borough Council will contribute to continued public safety.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 The proposals set out in this report address the corporate objectives of:

- protecting vulnerable children, young people, adults and older people
- promoting health and well-being
- delivering our services differently

10.2 The proposals also meet the Council's core vision of being 'safe, strong and ambitious', and the aim to be a 'modern, flexible and resilient Council'.