



Derby City Council

LICENSING COMMITTEE
10 November 2016

ITEM 5

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities
and Place

**Outcome of the Consultation on Changes to Taxi Licensing
Administration & Decision Making**

SUMMARY

- 1.1 At Council on 18 May 2016, it was agreed to undertake a review of the taxi licensing processes and procedures. A series of proposals and recommendations were agreed. A consultation exercise with the trade and the public as primary stakeholders of the Council's licensing function on the proposed changes was also approved.
- 1.2 At Licensing Committee on 14 July 2016, the proposed consultation scheme for approval by the Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services was considered.
- 1.3 The consultation exercise has been undertaken and the report sets out the results of the responses received.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Consider the details of the results of the consultation exercise set out in the report.
- 2.2 Make any appropriate comments, for consideration by the Cabinet Member.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To give effect to the mandate given by Council at its meeting on 18 May 2016.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 At Council on 18 May 2016, members considered and approved a set of recommendations that requested officers to undertake a review of the taxi licensing processes and procedures, and consider and propose an administrative scheme for determining licence applications, to include the renewal of hackney carriage and private hire licences.

- 4.2 It was acknowledged that robust principles, processes and procedures would be needed to enable the implementation, from an agreed date, of a new system for making clear and consistent decisions which are in the public safety interest.
- 4.3 Underpinning the proposal was a need to consult with the trade and relevant stakeholders about the proposals which were detailed in a report considered by Licensing Committee on 14 July 2016 and attached at Appendix 2 by means of background information.
- 4.4 A twelve week consultation exercise has been carried out. Views and comments have been sought on a range of questions. The exercise was published on the Council's Your City Your Say website pages. All licence holders have been contacted with details of the exercise and how to respond. Hard copies of the consultation questions have also been made available at the licensing counter and a copy of this information has been included at Appendix 3. Details have also been circulated via social media and through the Council's Forum meetings.
- 4.5 Information setting out details on the results of the consultation exercise is set out at Appendix 4.
- 4.6 As part of the online process, a number of further comments about the proposals or other suggestions have been made and these are set out at Appendix 5.
- 4.7 Also, separate to the online process, a number of letters of correspondence have been received as part of the consultation process. These are set out in Appendices 6, 7, 8 and 9.
- 4.8 On 23 November 2016, the results of the consultation exercise will be considered by Council who will make a final decision on what changes, if any, are to be introduced and by when.
- 4.9 Committee is asked to consider the information set out in the report and make any appropriate comments, for consideration by the Cabinet Member.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None, other than as set out in the background paper (Appendix 2).

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Olu Idowu n/a n/a n/a John Tomlinson
For more information contact: Background papers: List of appendices:	Michael Kay, Head of Environmental Health & Licensing - 01332 641940 michael.kay@derby.gov.uk Licensing Committee, 14 July 2016, Item 8 - Consultation on Changes to Taxi Licensing Administration & Decision Making Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Licensing Committee, 14 July 2016, Background Paper Appendix 3 – Hard Copy of Consultation Exercise Appendix 4 – Results of Consultation Exercise Appendix 5 – Further Comments or Suggestions About the Proposals

	Appendix 6 – Correspondence from A2Z Licensing Appendix 7 – Correspondence from National Private Hire Association Appendix 8 – Correspondence from Licensed Driver Scott Baldwin Appendix 9 – Correspondence from ALPHA Trade Association
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 A review of any additional funding requirements that may be required to meet the finalised proposals will need to be carried out at a later date.

Legal

- 2.1 None other than as set out within the report.

Personnel

- 3.1 If any of the proposals are agreed, it is likely that additional resources may be required. The amount required will depend on the number of proposals, if any, that are agreed by Council.

IT

- 4.1 A review of any additional IT resources that may be required to meet the finalised proposals will need to be carried out at a later date.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The proposals will not have any negative impacts on any particular equality groups.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 A number of the proposals relate directly to public safety.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None.

Risk Management

- 9.1 There could be significant reputational risk to Council in maintaining, devising and/or

approving an ineffectual scheme.

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
- being more commercial
- 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'.