



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

25 April 2007

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

Effects of Recent Change in Legislation – The Road Safety Act 2006 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Order 2007

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To note the report.
- 1.2 To establish a cross party working group that will consider any necessary changes to the current taxi licensing guidelines. It is proposed that this group will report back to the next meeting of this committee with any proposed revisions to the guidelines.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 On 16 March 2007, this Order brought into force Section 52 of the Road Safety Act 2006. This amends Part 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (c.57) and now allows the Council to suspend or revoke a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver's licence with immediate effect where it is in the interests of public safety to do so.
- 2.2 The legislation aims to remedy the situation where drivers who are a source of concern of public safety to the Council have been able to continue driving pending the hearing of an appeal against the suspension or revocation of their driver's licence. Should members first decide that a driver may present a threat to public safety, that individual's licence may now be suspended or revoked with immediate effect.
- 2.3 This change in legislation will be tabled as an agenda item at forthcoming hackney carriage and private hire trade meetings.
- 2.4 It is proposed that a cross party working group is established, with a remit to examine the existing taxi licensing guidelines for existing drivers and new applicants. These guidelines will need to be amended to reflect a new two stage procedure if members consider that a suspension or revocation of a licence is warranted

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Background papers:	None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None

Legal

2. None

Personnel

3. None

Equalities impact

4. None

Corporate priorities

5. Taxi Licensing contributes to the priority of **delivering excellent services, performance and value for money.**