



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
26 April 2006

Report of the Director of Environmental Services

REVIEW OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A GUIDELINES

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Licensing Sub-Committee A Guidelines were adopted by the Council in December 1993, and were updated in December 2004. The Guidelines, which are based on Home Office guidance, provide guidance for members in the consideration of cases which come before Licensing Sub-Committee A.
- 2.2 The implementation of the CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checks for applicants for hackney carriage or private hire vehicle drivers' licences has resulted in more complex reports, with a wider range of information provided within the 'enhanced disclosure'. This has led some members of the Sub-Committee to express concerns about the adequacy of the current guidelines.
- 2.3 In view of this it is proposed that officers from the Licensing and Legal sections undertake a review of the guidelines and report their findings back to this Committee for consideration. The review will include benchmarking with other local authorities to ensure that best practice has been identified.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. Decisions taken by Licensing Sub-Committee A based upon these Guidelines (including issuing warnings, suspending or revoking driver's and operator's licences) can be challenged by appeal to the Magistrates Court. The Guidelines themselves may also be challenged by way of judicial review.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities Impact

- 4 The Guidelines help to ensure a fair and consistent approach is taken in the consideration of cases relating to applicants and licence holders.

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. This 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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