
SUBJECT:	Implications of the Deregulation Act 2015 in relation to the Taxi and Private Hire trade
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise Members of the decisions made by the Licensing Consultative Body and the changes to legislation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the decisions made by the Licensing Consultative Body and the changes to legislation described in the attached report.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Fees for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing are usually set by the Licensing Committee, but the Consultative Body had to be used on this occasion due to the requirement to bring the new fees in at the start of October 2015 following a public consultation.

3.2 The changes to the legislation will have an effect on hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

4. Content of Report

4.1 The information regarding the changes to legislation that Members are requested to note is all contained within the report which was circulated to the Consultative Body, which is attached as an appendix.

4.2 Members are advised that the Licensing Consultative Body approved the recommendations in the attached report including the proposed fees (having consulted the Portfolio Holder for Resources). Accordingly consultation ran from 25 August 2015 to 21 September 2015.

4.2 No objections were received during the consultation period and therefore the approved fees will come into effect on 1st October 2015.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 As described within the report to the Consultative Body

6. Links to Council Policy Objectives

There is a link between an effective licensing regime for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles and Operator and the Council's policy objective for safe communities.

Background	The Deregulation Act 2015
Papers:	Licensing and Regulation report re Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees – 21 st January 2015