

CABINET MEMBER DECISION NOTICE

27 March, 2017



Amendments to the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy in respect to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste has taken the following decision:

AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

(a) Decision(s)

1. That the age limit for private hire vehicles be set at 10 years.
2. That the age limit for all other vehicles; Hackney Carriages, Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles and Executive vehicles be set at 15 years.
3. That additional licensing checks be introduced at the Council's vehicle inspection centre at Pembroke Road in line with the proposals as set out in the report.
4. That the Licensing Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, to agree a Hackney Carriage specification to replace the requirements for Hackney Carriages to be European Whole Type Approved.
5. That the Licensing Manager be authorised, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, to prepare an implementation plan with transitional arrangements

(b) Reason(s) for decision(s)

To improve the quality of the licensed fleet.

(c) Alternative options considered

There are a variety of options available. However the various consultations and discussion at the Licensing Committee meeting held on 6 March 2017 have resulted in a mutually agreeable proposal.

(d) Conflicts of Interest / Dispensation(s)

None.

CALL IN TIMESCALE

Any requests for call in must be received by the Democratic Services Manager by 5.00 pm on 3 April 2017. The request must be made by the Chairman or any 3 Members of the Environment and Living Scrutiny Committee.

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