



REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	24 th September 2014
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SUBJECT:	Proposed amended Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Dress Code

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.2 To present, to Members, an amended Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Dress Code, for their consideration.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 For Members to consider approving an amended Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Dress Code to improve standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Members will be aware that the current hackney carriage and private hire condition book (“the blue book”) contains a Driver Dress Code which was approved by Members a number of years ago, which Members can find detailed below:-

The driver shall not at any time whilst acting as a licensed driver wear:-

- a. shorts, other than tailored Bermuda type shorts
- b. Micro mini skirts
- c. Vest type t-shirts
- d. Large hats or headgear
- e. Dirty, ripped or tie bleached jeans
- f. Any other dress which the Council deem unsuitable

3.2 A revised dress code has for some time been discussed due to safety concerns and the impression left with visitors (and residents) to the County when inappropriate clothing is worn. A balance must be found between drivers presenting a good image for the County without impacting on an individual’s freedom to wear clothes that are not

prescriptive.

- 3.3 The driver's dress code is aimed at ensuring safe footwear is worn at all times and improving the image of drivers without compromising their ability to wear their normal clothing.
- 3.4 The proposed revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Dress Code can be found at Appendix A.

4. **CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Should Members be minded to support the proposed revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Dress Code, Officers will start formal consultation with all Licence Holders.
- 4.2 Officers will report back to Members, with the outcome of the consultation at the December Committee Meeting.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 For Members to support the proposed revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Dress Code and in doing so, authorise Officers to commence formal consultation.