

REPORT TO:	Licensing Committee
DATE:	4 th March 2015
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SUBJECT:	Proposed Code of Good Conduct for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.2 To present, to Members, a proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Code of Good Conduct for their consideration and approval.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 For Members to consider approving a Driver Code of Good Conduct to further improve standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Members will be aware that Officers presented a proposed Driver Code of Good Conduct at the meeting in September 2014. Members resolved to authorise Officers to start formal consultation on the proposed code for drivers and to report back to a future meeting on the outcome of the consultation.

3.2 Since the matter was discussed at the meeting in September, Officers have consulted with all licence holders on the proposed Code of Good Conduct. As a result of the consultation, no responses were received.

3.3 In addition to the written consultation with all licence holders, Officers arrange a workshop session and invited all licence holders. Out of approximately 400 licensees, 6 attended the workshop session. Although the attendance figures were slightly disappointing, all licence holders that attended were fully engaged and their contribution was valued by Officers.

- 3.4 During the workshop session, Officers and licensees discussed each section of the Code of Good Conduct, and it was agreed that no amendments were necessary.
- 3.5 The proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Code of Good Conduct can be found at Appendix A.
- 3.6 If Members were minded to approve the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Code of Good Conduct it is proposed to implement it from 1st May 2015.
- 3.7 The existing Penalty Point Policy and Procedure will be implemented to enforce any breaches of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Code of Good Conduct.

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 For Members to consider approving the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Code of Good Conduct found at Appendix A, and to further approve the implementation date of the 1st May 2015.