

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2018
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Update on Conviction Policy and conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers and Operators

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Members on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Conviction Policy and Private Hire Operators conditions.

## **2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Members have scheduled an update on the progress on the policies associated with Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Conviction Policy and Private Hire Operators.
- 2.2 The current policies remain in place until national position is known.

## **3.0 POWER TO MAKE THE DECISION**

- 3.1 No decision is required.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The council, as part of its function of the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators, have established a number of policies to guide applicants and officers on expectations.
- 4.2 These policies were last reviewed in 2014.
- 4.3 Members agreed that these policies be reviewed as part of their forward work programme.
- 4.4 Since this was added to the forward work programme there has been a significant amount of work by a national working group, consisting of a wide spectrum of stakeholders with an interest in taxi licensing, to

develop a national model on the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

4.5 This latest draft was subject to a national consultation period ending on the 28 February. It is expected that this draft will be further developed during the year and released later in the year.

4.6 Additionally, the Welsh Government have also recently completed a consultation on the taxi and private hire vehicle licensing in Wales. Officers are advised that further work will follow on this.

4.7 The consultation documents as referred to above have not been attached to this information report as they are expected to change during the next stages. However, it is anticipated that both these pieces of work will have an impact on the licensing process nationally and locally.

## **5.0 CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 Members should consider the content of this report and whether the preferred option should be to engage in the consultations with a view to developing the national models locally.

## **6.0 RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 That Members:

- 1) acknowledge the contents of the report
- 2) That Members instruct officers to report back to the Licensing Committee on the work of the national working group and the Welsh Government as further progress is made to allow members to consider the relevance to the council's taxi licensing policies.