

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....14th November 2019

1. Title of Item/Report

Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy Consultation

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy Consultation.

Members considered the views and comments received from the Licensing Committee, transport trade and other interested parties following consultation on the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy.

At the Taxi Trade meeting in June 2019 private hire operators in attendance requested formal consideration of proposed amendments to the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Policy. In addition a request was received from the chairman of the Stockton Hackney Carriage Driver Association (SHCDA) for an amendment to policy.

A 28 day period of consultation was undertaken giving all stakeholders opportunity to comment of the proposed changes. The electronic consultation survey was sent to all licensees via the Trade Times. In addition the link was emailed to private hire operators, SHCDA, other local authorities and the police. The consultation had closed and details of the responses were attached to the report.

The current policy wording and suggested amendments were also attached to the report.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the revised policy wording as detailed at Appendix 2 of the report be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The licensed transport trade have requested changes to the current Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Policy. The Cabinet are asked to consider the proposed changes to the current policy which could bring

licensed driver and vehicle requirements and specifications in line with the neighbouring Tees Valley Licensing Authorities.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer  
18 November 2019