

Licensing Committee, Tuesday 10th June 2014

Minutes:

The Head of Licensing and Registration submitted a report which informed Members of the consultation undertaken with the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Trade in order that further consideration may be given to the Committees previous "in principal" approval in light of the consultation feedback

Appended to the report was a copy of the following documents:

- Draft three year Licence Policy (Appendix 1 refers)
- Consultation Feedback (Appendix 2 refers)

Des Broster, Section Head, Taxi and Private Hire Licensing presented the report and responded to Members questions and queries.

Detailed discussion ensued on the contents of the report which included:

- Public Safety considerations
 - The starting point for obtaining a 3 year licence (the essence of the policy) including 5 years continuous 'good service' and what makes up 'good service'.
 - The necessity for continuous annual on line DBS checks and DVLA checks for drivers;
 - The process steps
 - When or how a licence might be suspended
- Financial implications

In seeking clarification Councillor Khan asked if payments could be made by instalment

In responding Mr Broster reported that the issue of paying by instalments had been investigated, section 3.4 of the submitted report referred, but currently there were no plans to introduce payments by instalments.

RESOLVED –

- (i) To approve in principal the 3 year Licence Policy for Driver Licences for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers
- (ii) That officers be requested to prepare a report for the Executive seeking approval of the Policy