
Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods
Date	16 January 2020
Present	Councillor Craghill (Executive Member)

8. Declarations of Interest

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interest that she might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

9. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee held on 31 October 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

10. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

11. Taxi Licensing Policy / Vehicle Licence Conditions - Executive Vehicles

The Executive Member received a report requesting approval to amend the Taxi Licensing Policy (the Policy) with regards to Executive Vehicles. This report had arisen further to a request from a vehicle licence proprietor and the operator of Executive Vehicles and was in relation to allowing a darker tint to rear windows. Another amendment in relation to the Taxi Licensing Policy regarding the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Plate & Signage Exemption Policy (set out at point 12(n) within Annex 3) had arisen from recommendations from the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and was an amendment to wording as it was considered that the current wording prevented drivers from taking a tip.

Current wording:

‘The driver will not take money at the end of the hire.’

Recommended wording:

‘The driver will not take the fare at the end of the hire.’

The Licensing Manager was in attendance to present the report and to respond to questions.

The options available were:

- (i) Option 1 - take into consideration the request made by the operator of executive vehicles, as well as the policies in place for the West Yorkshire Authorities and approve the amendments to Appendix 2 of the Taxi Licensing Policy in relation to Private Hire Vehicle Licence Plate & Signage Exemption Policy, as detailed at Annex 3.
- (ii) Option 2 – take into consideration the request made by the operator of executive vehicles, as well as the policies in place for the West Yorkshire Authorities and make further amendments to Appendix 2 of the Taxi Licensing Policy in relation to executive vehicles.
- (iii) Option 3 – refuse the request

In response to questions from the Executive Member, the Licensing Manager confirmed that these amendments relate to no more than ten vehicles in York, used solely for the purpose of supporting Executive business.

Resolved: The Executive Member approved Option 1, the amendments to Appendix 2 of the Taxi Licensing Policy in relation to Private Hire Vehicle Licence Plate & Signage Exemption Policy, as detailed at Annex 3.

Reason: To extend the Council’s already established ‘Private Hire Vehicle Licence Plate & Signage Exemption Policy’ with regards to executive vehicles and bring the Policy in line with the other authorities in the West Yorkshire transport authority region.

Cllr Craghill, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 2.10 pm and finished at 2.20 pm].