

Update on Implementation of Outstanding Recommendations from Previously Completed Taxi Licensing Scrutiny Review

Summary

1. This report provides Members with a further update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed Taxi Licensing scrutiny review and asks Members to sign off any of the remaining recommendations which are now fully implemented.

Background

2. In coming to a decision to review the topic, this Committee agreed the following key objectives for the review:
3. To consider the future allocation of hackney carriage vehicle licences having regard to the Department for Transport's Best Practice Guidance for Taxi & Private Hire Licensing, in meeting the needs of all potential members of the travelling public
 - i) To examine the provision and usage of taxi ranks in the city
 - ii) To examine conditions attached to vehicle licences, in particular with regard to accessibility, emissions, vehicle colour and window tinting
 - iii) To look at innovative ways in which the licensed taxi and private fleet may enhance the public transport provision both within the city and in rural communities
4. A Task Group was set up to carry out the review and the full Committee signed off the Task Group's draft final report in March 2011.
5. The review final report went to Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee in July 2011 and they approved recommendation 1 (subject to the wording being amended to reflect that the issuing of 2 additional licences for hybrid vehicles would be over and above licences issued subject to future unmet demand surveys) and recommendations 5 to 15.

They also agreed that the Taxi Licensing Policy should be re-drafted to take into account the recommendations approved by the Committee, together with the results of the Halcrow Unmet Demand Survey

6. The remaining recommendations (2, 3, 4 &16) were Officer delegated decisions. Finally, this Committee asked that the revised Taxi Licensing Policy be presented to them at a future meeting, which subsequently happened on 21 Nov 2011.
7. In June 2014, this Committee received its first update on the recommendations arising from the review. At that time a number of recommendations were signed off as fully implemented, and a further update was requested in 6+ months time – see further update at Annex A

Consultation

8. City of York Council's Licensing Manager has provided the update information contained within Annex A, and will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

Options

9. Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
 - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the review or;
 - b. agree to receive no further updates on this review

Council Plan 2011-15

10. The review supported a number of the aims of the Council Plan i.e. to make York a thriving city with a successful economy, and a safer city.

Implications

11. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ITT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

Risk Management

12. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

Recommendations

13. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and sign off all recommendations that have now been fully implemented.

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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Wards Affected:

All



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Background Papers: None

Annexes: Annex A – Further Update on Taxi Licensing Scrutiny Review