

## **ADOPTION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICIES**

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<u>Annexes/Appendices</u> (attached):	<b>Annexe 1:</b> Proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (incorporating revised convictions policy)
<u>Other available papers</u> (not attached):	Minutes of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 25 January 2018

### **Report summary**

**That Council adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy incorporating a new convictions policy.**

### **Recommendation (s)**

**That Council adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy attached at Annexe 1 as amended in accordance with the decision of the of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 25 January 2018.**

## **1 Implications for the Council's Key Priorities, Service Plans and Sustainable Community Strategy**

1.1 None for the purposes of this report.

## **2 Background**

2.1 On 25 January 2018, Licensing and Planning Policy Committee agreed to:

- (1) Recommend to Council the adoption of the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (attached as Annexe 1), incorporating the new Surrey-wide convictions policy, and;
- (2) Authorise the Licensing, Grants and HIA Manager in consultation with the Chairman of Licensing and Planning Policy Manager to make minor amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy (including convictions policy) as may be required from time to time under the Delegated Powers scheme.

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- 2.2 Since the Committee meeting and prior to its consideration by Council, the opportunity has arisen, for the purposes of clarity, to make some amendments to the convictions policy. These have been undertaken in accordance with the authority delegated by the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee. The policy attached at **Annexe 1** reflects these amendments.

### 3 Proposals

- 3.1 That Council adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy attached at **Annexe 1** as amended in accordance with the decision of the of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 25 January 2018.

### 4 Financial and Manpower Implications

- 4.1 The implementation of the new policy will be progressed and delivered using existing officer resources.
- 4.2 **Chief Finance Officer's comments;** *All financial implications and budget requirements are addressed with this Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and Efficiency Plan.*

### 5 Legal Implications (including implications for matters relating to equality)

- 5.1 **Monitoring Officer's comments:** *The Local (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires the Council to be satisfied that a person is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver's licence.*

### 6 Sustainability Policy and Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 None for the purposes of this report.

### 7 Partnerships

- 7.1 The Council works in partnership with other authorities in Surrey to ensure that policies are robust, kept up-to-date and reflect best practice.

### 8 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 There are no significant risks arising from this report.

### 9 Conclusion and Recommendations

- 9.1 That Council adopt the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy attached at **Annexe 1** as amended in accordance with the decision of the of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee on 25 January 2018.

**Ward(s) Affected:** (All Wards);