

<b>Subject:</b>	Update on implementation of previously adopted taxi licensing conditions	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Licensing Committee	<b>Date:</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>Report of:</b>	Licensing Manager	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Cllr Lamb
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the Licensing Committee note the updates in relation to the Taxi Licensing Policy
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**2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

2.1 To provide the Committee with an update on implementation and progress of previously adopted taxi licensing policy

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
  - **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
  - **Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:  
The Council's Taxi Licensing policy ensures that the relevant safeguards are in place to enable Rossendale Council to fulfil its licensing function having regard to public safety in its widest sense.

**5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS**

- 5.1 On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Licensing Committee agreed and adopted a set of conditions applicable to drivers and vehicles licensed by the authority as either hackney carriage or private hire.
- 5.2 A number of these conditions included practical changes to both vehicles and drivers, and introduced changes to vehicle specification and requirements, as well as stricter testing requirements for new and existing drivers.

5.3 A summary of actions in relation to these requirements is appended at Appendix 1

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 No further comments.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 No further comments.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 There are no specific human resources implications

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The introduction of revised policies and conditions is seeing a gradual improvement in driver and vehicle standards, as well as an overall reduction in the numbers of vehicles and drivers licensed by Rossendale Borough Council. This is important in ensuring that the taxi and private hire industry is safe and suitable to serve the needs of the local community.

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Summary of actions	Appendix 1