

Licensing Working Group – Taxi and Private Hire Standards

1. Purpose

On 27 October 2020, the Licensing Committee considered a report regarding The Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards. At that meeting the Licensing Committee unanimously resolved that a working group be established to consider a number of matters.

2. Focus

The Licensing Committee agreed that the review should focus on the following:

- (a) Reviewing the disciplinary process and address the feasibility of a points-based system being added to the policy; and
- (b) Looking at further quality standards for both Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles to consider such matters as CCTV, vehicle emissions, consumer safety and identification and training.

3. Arrangements

The Working Group will consist of 4 members of the Licensing Committee, one of who will chair the group. It will be supported by an officer from the Licensing Team whom will provide technical advice.

The group is encouraged to liaise with key members of the trade through the taxi forum, to seek their input to the areas of focus.

4. Timescales

It is proposed that it will start work following formal ratification on 1 February 2022 following a report presented to the Licensing Committee. The Licensing Committee Chair will seek volunteers from the Licensing Committee who would like to take part in this working group.

Given the complex nature of the items being considered, it is anticipated that this working group could take up to 18 months. However it may be necessary for matters to come back to the Licensing Committee on a thematic basis during that time as opposed to matters being delayed whilst others are still being worked through.