



# Walsall Council

## Licensing and Safety Committee – 6 June 2017

### Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group

#### 1. Summary of report

The purpose of the report is to suggest the re-establishment of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group and appoint Members thereto.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That a Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group be established in accordance with the terms of reference appended hereto;
- 2.2 That the number of members appointed to the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group be determined by the committee;
- 2.3 That members be appointed to the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group.
- 2.2 That meetings of the Group be held at 6.00 p.m. on the following dates, subject to there being sufficient business to be transacted:
  - Wednesday, 2 August, 2017;
  - Wednesday, 10 November, 2017;
  - Wednesday, 7 March, 2018.

#### 3. Background information

- 3.1 The suggested membership and Terms of Reference for the Liaison Group are appended to this report.
- 3.2 In view of the fact that paid officers of the Council are members of the Group, the regulations relating to political balance need not be applied.
- 3.3 For Members' information, seven Members of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group were appointed in 2016/17 as follows:-
  - Councillor Clarke
  - Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
  - Councillor D. Hazell
  - Councillor Sears
  - Councillor Hussain
  - Councillor Nawaz
  - Councillor Rochelle

3.4 In previous years, the Licensing and Safety Committee has established 7 meetings throughout the year. However, in the last 3 years the liaison group has met no more than 3 times per year. It is suggested, therefore, that the number of meetings established be reduced to 3. Members are asked to note that, should it be necessary, additional meetings could be convened.

#### **4. Resource considerations**

4.1 **Financial:** Within Budget: Yes.

4.2 **Legal:** Legal Services consulted: Yes.

4.3 **Staffing:** Nothing arising from this report.

#### **5. Citizen impact**

Nothing arising from this report.

#### **6. Community safety**

Nothing arising from this report.

#### **7. Environmental impact**

None.

#### **8. Performance and risk management issues**

Nothing arising from this report.

#### **9. Equality implications**

None.

#### **10. Consultation**

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Associations.

#### **Background papers**

Previous reports and correspondence with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Associations.

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## Membership and Terms of Reference

(a) Membership

- Representatives of Licensing and Safety Committee  
(The number to be determined by the Committee) or other nominees
- Head of Public Safety, or nominee
- 1 Representative of West Midlands Police
- 1 representative from Taxi Licensing Office
- 2 representatives from each of the following:-
  - (i) Taxi Owners Association and
  - (ii) Private Hire Association (or their equivalent)

(b) Quorum

- 2 representatives of Licensing and Safety Committee
- 1 representative from each (i) Taxi Owners Association and (ii) Private Hire Association (or their equivalent)
- 1 representative from Taxi Licensing Office

(c) Purpose

The purpose of the Liaison Group is to discuss any matters of concern relating to taxi/private hire matters generally and any matters specifically referred to it and to make recommendations thereon to the Licensing and Safety Committee.

(d) Frequency of Meetings

Meetings shall be convened on dates approved by the Licensing and Safety Committee. Further meetings may be arranged as and when the need arises. The notes of the meeting shall be received by the Licensing and Safety Committee, together with any recommendations made by the Liaison Group.

