



Walsall Council

Licensing and Safety Committee - 29 May 2013

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 The Committee is recommended to note the report and agree to establish a Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group in accordance with the terms of reference appended hereto and to appoint Members thereto.

2.2 To agree that meetings of the Group be held at 6.00 p.m. on the following dates:

Wednesday, 3 July, 2013
Wednesday, 14 August, 2013
Wednesday, 2 October, 2013
Wednesday, 13 November, 2013
Wednesday, 8 January 2014
Wednesday, 12 February, 2014
Wednesday, 2 April, 2014

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, the Members of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group for last year were as follows:-

Councillor Clarke
Councillor Murray
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Sears
Councillor Smith

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
- Representative of West Midlands Police
- 2 representatives from each (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 called as and when the need arises and the notes of the meeting shall be received by the Licensing and Safety Committee, together with any recommendations made by the Liaison Group.