

WALSALL COUNCIL

**REPORT OF HEAD OF PUBLIC PROTECTION TO
LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

27 MAY, 2009

TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE LIAISON GROUP

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2.0 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 and 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, 22 July, 2009
Wednesday, 23 September, 2009
Wednesday, 18 November, 2009
Wednesday, 3 February, 2010
Wednesday, 17 March, 2010

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Within Budget: Yes.

4.0. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Within Council policy: Yes.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Legal Services consulted: Yes.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7.0 **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

8.0 **WARD(S) AFFECTED**

8.1 All

9.0 **CONSULTEES**

9.1 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Associations.

10.0 **CONTACT OFFICER**

10.1 Steve Brooke - Constitutional Services. Ext. 2014.

11.0 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

DR. J. SUNLEY,
Head of Public Protection.

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1.0 **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The suggested membership and Terms of Reference for the Liaison Group are appended to this report.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 For Members' information, the Members of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group for last year were as follows:-

Councillor Aftab
Councillor Anson
Councillor Bird
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sears

DR. J. SUNLEY,
Head of Public Protection.

APPENDIX

TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE LIAISON GROUP

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 Protection, 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.