

**REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES TO LICENSING & SAFETY
COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2015**

DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS

1. Summary of report

- 1.1 Following a recent meeting of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee 'A', at which a number of reports regarding drivers who had failed to provide Disclosure and Barring Certificates when re-applying for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licences were considered, Members suggested that to avoid the necessity for officers to prepare reports to Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees on every occasion when a driver failed to submit his DBS check the Committee should consider delegating authority for the Head of Communities and Public Protection to deal with such matters.

2. Recommendations

For members of the committee to consider whether the delegation to the Head of Communities and Public Protection be amended to allow him/her to approve one or a combination of the following courses of action in respect of the checking of Disclosure and Barring Certificates:-

- I. To take no further action;
- II. Issue the driver with a caution
- III. Suspend the private hire driver licence for a prescribed period of time;
- IV. Revoke the private hire driver licence.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 Within the budget.
- 3.2 The cost of any appeal to a Magistrates Court by any person aggrieved by the suspension or revocation by the Council of a driver's private hire licence will be met from within existing budgetary provision.

4. Policy Implications

- 4.1 Within Council Policy

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 A driver is requested to provide information pursuant to Section 73 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976

6. Equal Opportunities Implications

All reports are treated on merit.

7. Environmental Impact

None.

8. Ward(s) Affected

All

9. Consultees

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