

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Licensing Committee
DATE	10/11/2020
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Taxi and Private Hire Policy Review
REPORT NUMBER	COM/20/191
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	17

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with details of the review of all taxi and private hire policies and seek approval to consult on the proposed changes.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 note the proposed policy changes detailed in Appendix 1;
- 2.2 instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to consult with the Trade and all relevant stakeholders on the proposed policy changes; and
- 2.3 report back to Committee on 16 March 2021 with the results of the consultation exercise.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Officers have undertaken a comprehensive review of all taxi and private hire policies and conditions with a view to consolidating all the information into one easily accessible document. This will benefit the trade, stakeholders and any relevant customers as all the relevant information would be held together in one place.
- 3.2 Since many of the policies date back several years there is an opportunity to update some areas in order to reflect the current operational practices and ensure that all policies are fit for purpose. Any proposed changes will require to be consulted upon with the trade and any relevant stakeholders, such as the Taxi and Private Hire Consultation Group.

3.3 A summary of all current policies and the proposed changes is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Officer time will be required to undertake the consultation exercise, however this will be met from existing budgets

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	N/A		
Legal	No legal risk will be incurred by undertaking the consultation exercise. Amending policies without consulting the trade may provide grounds for challenge.	L	Consultation with the trade is recommended prior to the introduction of any changes.
Employee	N/A		
Customer	N/A		
Environment	N/A		
Technology	N/A		
Reputational	Implementing policy changes without adequate consultation may result in reputational damage.	L	Consultation with the trade is recommended prior to the introduction of any changes.

7. OUTCOMES

7.1 The proposals in this report have no impact on the Council Delivery Plan.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Full EHRIA not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

10.1 Summary of proposed policy changes.

11. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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