

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A NON-KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE (TAXI) POLICY</b>
Members Present	Councillors: JG Jarvis (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price.
Date of Decision:	12 July 2012
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To approve the revised policy for private hire and hackney carriage licensing.
<b>Decision:</b>	<b>The proposed policy and its supporting documents were approved, subject to the review of condition 4.3c of the Breaches of Dual Driver Licence Conditions at Appendix 1 to the report (Appendix 1 – Penalty Points Scheme) and paragraph 1.8 of Appendix 1 to the report (Appendix 8 – Conditions Attached to Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence) Section 1: Licensing of Vehicles – General, with any changes to be made as a result to be approved by the Director of People’s Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.</b>
Reasons for the Decision:	Policies are an integral part of the decision making process and provide a valuable aid to consistent decision making. Each case will continue to be judged on its own merits and, as this policy acts as a guide, it does not bind the local authority to an inflexible decision insofar as a person’s ‘fit and proper’ status.
Options Considered:	<p><b>a) The policy be not adopted</b></p> <p><u>Advantages:</u> It allows any further views of the trade to be taken into an even fuller account, if considered appropriate and legal.</p> <p><u>Disadvantages:</u> Not all the proposals put forward by the Association and some independent trade members could be accepted, as they were not considered to be legally acceptable and/or may not follow best practice.</p> <p>The current draft already follows a consultation process and this option will delay the release of the new policy further.</p>

	<p>This option would delay the decision process and in doing so will incur further costs.</p> <p><b>b) To defer the decision, in order to get more information</b></p> <p>This will allow further information to be considered and enable additional advice to be received, whether legal or technical.</p> <p><u>Advantages:</u> Gives the opportunity for further information to be sought.</p> <p><u>Disadvantages:</u> This would delay the decision process and in doing so will incur further costs as mentioned in (a) above.</p> <p><b>c) To reach some other decision</b></p> <p><u>Advantages:</u> This leaves other options that may arise.</p> <p><u>Disadvantages:</u> There are no clear directions in respect to alternatives.</p>
<p>Declaration of Interest:</p>	
<p>Date the decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>19 July 2012</p>

<p><b>COUNCILLOR JG JARVIS</b> .....</p> <p><b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b></p>	<p>Date: 12 July 2012</p>
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<p><b>To be completed by officer:</b></p>	
<p>Date consent received from Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p>	
<p>Subject to Call-in:</p>	<p>This Decision was not called in.</p>
<p>Was the decision modified?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p>	
<p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p>	
<p>Date original decision took effect:</p>	<p>19 July 2012</p>