

COUNCIL MEETING – 14 April 2016

Recommendation to Council from the Licensing Committee meeting held on 9 March 2016

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Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy

The Licensing Committee considered the report from Marcel Coiffait, Director of Community Services seeking the adoption of a new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy for Central Bedfordshire Council.

The policy, which was the subject of a full consultation, relates to hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing matters for Central Bedfordshire Council. The new policy takes into account changes in the law and clarifies any potential ambiguities from the first policy which was created by amalgamating the policies of the legacy authorities.

Members discussed the proposed policy in some detail and made various comments that would be incorporated into the final version. In particular they requested that a second form of driver identification be issued to each driver which would be displayed in the vehicle for passengers to see in addition to the one they are currently required to wear. It was agreed that subject to the need to consult on this change, this requirement would be introduced. Aside from this proposed change the conditions were moved and approved by the committee.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1. that the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy be adopted; and**
- 2. that the Head of Public Protection & Interim Head of Passenger Transport, in consultation with the Executive Member for Community Services, be given delegated authority to undertake any necessary minor amendments to the policy prior to publication**