

COUNCIL MEETING – 14 April 2016

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

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Review of Criminal Conviction Policy

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

The policy, which was the subject of a full consultation, is applied to individuals who hold or apply for a licence to ensure they are “fit and proper” to do so, as legally required. The policy has been updated to reflect legislative changes and widened to include private hire operators as well as drivers. It was noted that this policy is likely to be revisited as part of a PAN Bedfordshire approach to criminal convictions to better mitigate the risks of child sexual exploitation within Bedfordshire. A minor amendment was agreed and the conditions were then moved and approved by the committee.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1. that the Criminal Conviction Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire matters 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**