

COUNCIL MEETING – 25 FEBRUARY 2010

**Recommendations to Council from the Regulation Committee held on
13 January 2010**

**Minute No.
REG/09/39** **HACKNEY CARRIAGE BYELAWS**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Director of Sustainable Communities, which sought a decision on whether or not Members wished to retain separate licensing zones or establish a single taxi licensing area in order to adopt new Hackney Carriage byelaws for Central Bedfordshire.

The Committee in particular noted that policies and conditions attached to former South Bedfordshire District Council licences differed to the former Mid Bedfordshire District Council, therefore it was now necessary to agree new policies and conditions for Central Bedfordshire. During the transitional period it had been necessary to zone Central Bedfordshire into two areas to reflect the policies and regulations adopted by the two legacy authorities. It was advised that the byelaws must be implemented by 1 April 2010.

Responses to the consultation were attached at Appendix C to the report.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That a single taxi licensing area for the Central Bedfordshire area be approved.***
- (2) That, subject to (1) above, the new set of Hackney Carriage byelaws now submitted at Appendix A, be Approved.***