

COUNCIL MEETING – 14 April 2016

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

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Review of the conditions attached to Private Hire Operator Licences

The Licensing Committee considered the report from Marcel Coiffait, Director of Community Services seeking a review of the conditions attached to private hire operator licences for Central Bedfordshire Council.

The conditions, which were the subject of a full consultation, provide requirements for private hire operators licensed by Central Bedfordshire Council. A private hire vehicle can only be dispatched to a customer by a private hire operator and anyone who provides for the invitation or acceptance of booking a journey in a private hire vehicle must hold a licence as an operator. The Council has a duty to ensure that an operator is a “fit and proper” person. The conditions include a requirement for an operator’s premises to be within five miles of the border of Central Bedfordshire where the premises are not within the Central Bedfordshire Council area as well as requiring them to have a dedicated telephone number for Central Bedfordshire where an operator is licensed with another licensing authority.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1. that the conditions attached to private hire operators licences be adopted**
- 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 conditions prior to publication.**