

NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 16 DECEMBER 2021 AT 4PM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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Licensing Committee Members:

Councillors Claire Udy (Chair), Scott Payter-Harris (Vice-Chair), Dave Ashmore, Kimberly Barrett, Stuart Brown, Tom Coles, Jason Fazackarley, Charlotte Gerada, Ian Holder, Hannah Hockaday, George Madgwick, Lee Mason, Robert New, Benedict Swann and Daniel Wemyss

Standing Deputies

Councillors Matthew Atkins, Chris Attwell, Cal Corkery, George Fielding, Leo Madden, Gemma New, Darren Sanders and John Smith

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AGENDA

Meeting information: Risk assessment for Council Chamber

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 12)

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Licensing Policy meeting held on 15 October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4 London Road taxi rank update

This report will follow.

5 Trial to allow Portsmouth City Council licensed Private Hire Vehicles (PHV's) in bus lanes in Portsmouth (Pages 13 - 18)

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to detail the commitment made at Full Council on 9 November 2021, to undertake a minimum 3 month trial to allow Portsmouth City Council licensed Private Hire Vehicles (PHV's) in bus lanes in Portsmouth.

RECOMMENDED that the report be noted.

6 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and Part II, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Matters - Amendments to Adopted Statement of Licensing Policy. (Pages 19 - 138)

Purpose of report

1. To consider proposed amendments to the adopted statement of licensing policy for the control and supervision of the hackney carriage and private hire trades within Portsmouth ("the PCC policy")
2. To note and implement, where necessary, changes to the PCC policy having regard to the statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Transport in July 2020
3. To submit the proposed policy amendments for trade and public consultation between the period 01 January and 31 March 2022.
4. To reconvene at a future date to consider all and any responses received.

Recommendations

1) That the Licensing Committee notes and approves the contents of the report and appendices and delegates authority to the Head of Service to arrange for the formal distribution and consultation on any agreed amendment and for responses to be received between 01 January and 31 March 2022.

2) That the committee agree to meet on a future date after 31 March 2022 to consider any policy amendments (having regard to any representations received) and with a view to agree an implementation date for the policy and any approved changes.

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