



LICENSING AND REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

DATE:	Monday, 16 October 2023
TIME:	6.30 pm
VENUE:	Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor J Henderson (Chairman)
Councillor Wiggins (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Casey
Councillor Codling
Councillor A Cossens

Councillor Davidson
Councillor Kotz
Councillor Land
Councillor Smith
Councillor Thompson

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AGENDA

7 **Report of the Deputy Chief Executive - A.1 - Development of a Comprehensive and Cohesive Taxi/Private Hire Policy (Pages 1 - 4)**

This report is submitted for the Committee's consideration a proposed Taxi / Private Hire Policy. The proposed Statement of Taxi / Private Hire policy is submitted following a recent 8 week period of consultation on the Statement.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Licensing and Registration Committee is to be held in the Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 31 January 2024.

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**Taxi Policy
(Hackney Carriage and Private Hire)**

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Overall Role

"The department recommends all licensing authorities make publicly available **a cohesive policy document that brings together all their procedures on taxi and private hire vehicle licensing**. This should include but not be limited to policies on convictions, a fit and proper person test, licence conditions and vehicle standards. When formulating a taxi and private hire vehicle policy, **the primary and overriding objective must be to protect the public**. The importance of ensuring that the licensing regime protects the vulnerable cannot be overestimated."

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Vehicles, Drivers and Operators

- Town Police Clauses Act 1847 – licensing of Hackney Carriages
- S46 of the 1976 Act - Vehicles used for Private Hire need a licence as do those who drive them and who operate them.



Vehicles

- S47 of the 1976 Act – Council may attach conditions to a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence
 - S48 of the 1976 Act – Council may issue a licence to a proprietor of a Private Hire Vehicle ONLY if satisfied:
 - (i) suitable in type, size and design for use as a private hire vehicle;
 - (ii) not of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a hackney carriage;
 - (iii) in a suitable mechanical condition;
 - (iv) safe and
 - (v) comfortable;And insured
- And can attach conditions to the Vehicle Licence



Drivers

- S51 and S59 – shall not grant unless satisfied
 - (i) that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence; and
 - (ii) that the applicant is not disqualified by reason of the applicant's immigration status from driving a private hire vehicle; or
 - (b) person who has for at least twelve months been authorised to drive a motor car, or is not at the date of the application for a driver's licence so authorised
- S51 - May attach conditions to the licence



Private Hire Operators

- S55 – shall not grant unless satisfied
 - (i) that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence; and
 - (ii) that the applicant is not disqualified by reason of the applicant's immigration status from driving a private hire vehicle; or
- May attach conditions to the licence

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