



To: Committee & Elections Manager

Statement of individual Cabinet Member's decision

Name of Cabinet Member Councillor John Caller

Portfolio Business and Partnerships

Delegation authority (usually the delegated powers in annex 1.6 and 1.7) Annex 1.6 and 1.7 of the Constitution

Cabinet decision date N/A Minute No _____ or

Declaration of Interests (if any)

Of the Cabinet Member making the decision Nil

Of any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

Topic Review of the Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing
To approve the 3 yearly review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire
Licensing Policy to run from 1st May 2012 until 30 April 2015. (Finalised version
Decision as attached.)

Reasons for the decision

Most amendments to the existing policy were for sake of extra clarity or in line with changes in legislation. There was one major departure from the existing policy which was the provision of wheelchair accessible taxis within the Borough. This topic was the subject of a report to Business & Partnerships Cabinet Committee of 16 November 2011 who instructed that this was to be included in the draft policy. The draft policy was presented to Business & Partnerships Cabinet Committee on 12 January 2012 who approved it for public consultation. The consultation was widely advertised and ran from 22 January 2012 until 2 March 2012.

There were 35 comments received from 7 respondents. Their comments were entered on to a grid and evaluated by officers to determine whether or not to amend the draft policy before being presented to Business & Partnerships Cabinet Committee on 5 April 2012. This grid is shown as Appendix A. Amendments to the draft policy were made in line with the evaluation grid, as agreed at the meeting of 5 April 2012.

The possibility of brake horse power being used instead of engine capacity was explored but requires further investigation. In order not to delay publication if the amended policy this will be subject to a separate report to committee in the future if considered necessary


Other options considered (if any)

I confirm that this decision is:

- Please mark/tick
- In accordance with the council's Policy Framework
 - Within the council's approved budget
 - In compliance with the council's contract procedure rules
 - In compliance with the council's financial procedure rules
 - In accordance with the protocol for Cabinet member decisions
- Committee Reports to Business & Partnerships Cabinet Committee of 16 November 2011, 12 January 2012 and 5 April 2012

Background papers used (if any)

Signature
(countersigned
by Executive
Leader if a Key
Decision)



Date: 24 April 2012