

REPORT FROM: PLANNING, BUILDING CONTROL & LICENSING MANAGER

TO: Taxi Licensing Committee

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CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) TRAINING AND SUSPENSION OF LICENSES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- (1) To inform Committee of the outcome of the training
- (2) To recommend that those who have not undertaken the training have their licenses suspended until they complete it

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Committee note the position regarding training
- (2) That drivers who have not undergone training have their licenses suspended until they complete it

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) In order to ensure that all taxi drivers are suitably trained and are fit and proper people to hold a taxi driver/operator's license

ISSUE

- 1.1 In August 2016 the Council carried out a review of its taxi policies. This was in order to amalgamate all of the previous parts of the policy into one area but mainly to bring our policies in relation to CSE up to date to provide a robust framework for drivers and operators to operate within.
- 1.2 The policy requires all drivers to have undertaken relevant training prior to them being granted a license. For existing drivers we provided training events policy during September to

December 2016. There was a good response to this training with 417 drivers attending. 17 drivers did not book onto the course. 2 drivers turned up late and need to re-attend. 28 booked onto courses and either cancelled or did not turn up.

- 1.3 We have arranged 2 additional training sessions for the remaining drivers. Should they attend then they will be appropriately trained. Should they fail to attend the question is whether the Council should allow them to continue driving as they would not be trained in accordance with the requirements of the policy.
- 1.4 Drivers must be fit and proper people in order to hold a license. A fundamental part of this is to be trained in this extremely important issue. We have afforded a significant number of opportunities for everyone to attend the course and have advised all of the remaining need to attend the extra ones we have put on.
- 1.5 In the circumstances anyone not having attended is recommended to have their licence suspended until such time as they have completed the training.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: None

Legal: None

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: None

Sustainability: None

Community Safety: None

Equality and Diversity: None

Background papers: Taxi Licensing Policy