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HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE FOR HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider a request for a hackney carriage licence for a horse drawn carriage

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To amend the Taxi Licensing Policy to increase the limit of seventy one hackney carriage licenses to seventy five with the four additional hackney carriage licences for horse drawn carriages only.
2. To agree and adopt the horse drawn licence conditions as set out in appendix 1.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To agree to a policy change to increase the limit of seventy one hackney carriage licenses to allow for four additional horse drawn carriages.
2. To have adopted horse drawn carriage licence conditions set out in our Taxi Licensing Policy licence.

BACKGROUND

1. A request was made last year for the Council to consider the licensing of a horse drawn carriage.
2. Proposed licence conditions were considered by the Taxi Licensing Committee on 12th August 2024 where the above was agreed for recommendation to Council.

3. The proposed applicant has not submitted an application but has now said they wish to so, once the licence conditions and fares are approved.
4. As a non-motorised vehicle can only be issued with a hackney carriage licence and cannot be licensed as private hire we have to agree to extend our limit of seventy one hackney carriage licenses and the horse drawn licence conditions and fares.
5. The draft licence conditions are attached to this report as Appendix 1 for approval..

ISSUES

6. The person who initially made the enquiry has not submitted an application as yet as would like the Council to agree the licence conditions before they consider whether it is worthwhile continuing with their proposed venture.
7. The fares for horse drawn carriage must be approved and advertised by the Council. This is an Executive function and a draft table of fares will be submitted to the next meeting for approval and then advertised.

CONCLUSION

8. Should an application be submitted now or in the future the licence conditions and table of fares will be in place.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The taxi licensing policy adopted on 1 April 2022 will require updating to reflect any agreed changes.

Financial: There is a cost for the advertising of the table of fares.

Legal: There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Risk Management: There are no risk management implications arising directly from this report

Health and Safety: There are no health and safety implications arising directly from this report

Sustainability: There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report

Community Safety: There are no community safety implications arising directly from this report

Equality and Diversity: There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report