

North Tyneside Council Report to Regulation and Review Committee Date: 13 July 2017

ITEM 6

Title: Addendum to Item 6 - Proposed Online Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness training for new and existing hackney carriage/private hire drivers.

Report from Service Area: Environment, Housing and Leisure

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of the report is to provide Committee with revised recommendations for the report circulated on 5 July 2017.

1.1 Recommendations

The revised recommendations are as follows:

- (1) Request officers to undertake a consultation on the potential amendments to the Authority's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Awareness training for new hackney carriage/private hire drivers;
- (2) Request officers to consult on a requirement for existing hackney carriage/private hire drivers to undergo additional or refresher CSE Awareness training at suitable intervals.

1.2 Information

Officers have considered the report circulated on 5 July 2017 and would request a period of consultation is carried out in order to gauge the views of the hackney carriage and private hire trade in addition to other interested parties.

Following this period of consultation the responses will be collated and a report brought back to the Committee. The consultation will collect views on the on line training to be undertaken by drivers prior to the licence being determined. In addition the issue of refresher training will be explored and the most appropriate interval before such training should be carried out.

1.3 Contact Officers:

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1.4 Background Information:

1.4.1 The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available for inspection at the offices of the author of the report.

1. Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
2. North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and Other Resources:

There are no financial implications for the Authority arising directly from this report.

2.2 Legal

2.2.1 Legislative Framework

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 makes provision for the licensing authority to issue licences for hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles, and operators.

Local authority Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing activity is governed by legislation and best practice guidance, including the Town Police Clauses Acts of 1847 and 1889, the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act of 1976 and the Transports Acts of 1980 and 1985. In response to this legislation, the Authority has developed a Licensing Policy which has supported and informed its licensing function.

2.3 Consultation/Community Engagement:

If approved, a six week consultation exercise will be undertaken with members of the trade and other interested parties such as the Authority's Safeguarding Team. Details of the consultation will be on the North Tyneside Council internet site. In addition the views of the North Tyneside Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Forum.

At the conclusion of the consultation the responses will be collated and reported to Committee.

2.4 Human Rights:

The economic interests connected to the use of a licence may be considered to be a possession belonging to existing licensees and as such are afforded protection under Article 1 of Protocol 1 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

2.5 Equalities and Diversity:

There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report. The North Tyneside Council Hackney Carriage and Licensing Policy has been subjected to an Equality Impact Assessment.

2.6 Risk Management:

There are no significant risk management implications to the Authority arising directly from this report.

2.7 Crime and Disorder:

It is not considered that there are any crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

2.8 Environment and Sustainability:

It is not considered that there are any environment and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.