

**COUNCIL**  
**1 September 2021**  
**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Details of recommendation to Council made by Licensing Committee on 15 June

**DFT Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards – Amendments to Policy and Conditions**

The Department for Transport introduced new statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards in July 2020. Because of this, changes to the Council's current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing policy and guidance are required.

The Committee had considered the report, which set out these proposed changes, and the revised standards and conditions. The policy sought to ensure passengers' safety and comfort, keeping children and adults from risk of harm.

The Licensing Committee agreed to recommend the draft [Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Guidance](#), as set out in the appendix to the report, be adopted subject to any responses received during the required period of public consultation on the draft policy.

This public consultation period ended on 29 July. No representations had been received and the draft Policy, as submitted to Licensing Committee, remains unchanged following the consultation.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

That the statutory Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Guidance (including standards and conditions), as set out in Appendix A to the Licensing Committee report, be adopted.

**REASON**

- i) To protect the public.
- ii) To ensure transparency and openness in decision making.