

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
27TH OCTOBER 2005

Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles – DFT Consultation on Draft Best Practice Guidance

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	A Better Environment
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Enabling Community Wellbeing
KEY PRIORITY:	Taxis
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APPENDICES	Appendix 1 Response to Consultation Paper

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles – DFT Consultation Draft Best Practice Guidance and agree a formal response.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:

- 2.1 **To Approve the consultation response as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Department for Transport (DFT) consultation document on Taxi Licensing was published on 3rd August 2005 'Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing: Consultation on Draft Best Practice Guidance' sets out a best practice approach to setting quality standards for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

- 3.2 The consultation period runs until 28th October 2005.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The consultation document outlines proposed good practice in setting conditions for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles. The guidance, albeit in consultation form at present, has been considered by the Council in agreeing the Deregulation

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Plan and conditions contained therein. The proposed response at Appendix 1 is consistent with the conditions in the Deregulation Plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications at this time.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This is an opportunity to influence the formulation of policy in respect of proposed quality standards. Future conditions will be expected to take account of any final guidance issued.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 There are no risk management implications at this time.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 A response to the consultation document will provide a say in the formulation of final guidance.

9. CONSULTEES

9.1 Head of Legal and Democratic Services

9.2 CMT

9.3 Head of Financial Services

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles: DFT consultation on best practice guidance.

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