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Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Meeting: Appeals and Regulatory Committee

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Cabinet portfolio: Health and Wellbeing

Report by: Licensing Manager

Policy Amendments

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The proposed amendments are adopted in line with a change to the vehicle licensing process and the relocation of the licensing team.

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The amendments will provide greater clarity in terms of taxi regulation and will not adversely affect public safety.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Vehicle licensing

- 4.2 To amend paragraphs 1.8, 2.10, 2.21 and 5.17 of the hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy to reflect a change to the vehicle licensing process and remove references to North East Derbyshire District Council's (NEDDC) testing station.
- 4.3 Currently vehicles must be tested at NEDDC's testing station who then issue the vehicle licence plates. The contract we hold with them is due to end in June 2024 so the process for licensing vehicles will change. This change will allow vehicles to have an MOT test at any testing station and the vehicle licence plates will be issued by Chesterfield Borough Council.
- 4.4 The change of process has been agreed by senior management and the cabinet member for health and wellbeing.
- 4.5 Change of location of the licensing team
- 4.6 To remove the reference of the customer service centre in paragraph 5.7 and replace with the Town Hall.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 A preliminary equalities impact assessment has been conducted and is attached at Appendix 1. The conclusion was that a full assessment was not required as the proposed changes to the policy will not have any adverse impact with regard to the protected characteristics.

6.0 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A full risk management assessment has not been completed but this measure will not endanger public safety.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The amendments are approved.