

Taxi Consultative Committee – 19 April 2017

Update on Proposed Amendments to Terms of Reference

1. Background

1.1 Further to consideration of the proposed amendments to the terms of reference for the Taxi Consultative Committee at its meeting on 25 January, 2017, the Chair subsequently met with Mandy Shaw and the Democratic and Scrutiny Officer to consider the proposals further.

1.2 As a result of the discussions, two changes are being suggested to the proposed amendments:

- That if more than six trade members are nominated, the **majority** (rather than unanimous) agreement of all those nominated be required as to which six nominations be put forward to the Council, subject to at least two places being filled by members who represent minority ethnic members of the trade if such nominations are made.
- That the appointment of trade representatives be for a period of **two years** (rather than one) to facilitate greater continuity.

2. Revised Proposed Amendments

2.1 The other amendments would remain as detailed in the report submitted to the 25 January meeting, and these are detailed below, including the two above changes:

- a) That each nomination should be supported by a minimum number of other licence holders (hackney carriage or private hire as appropriate), in order to demonstrate that the person nominated has the support of members of the trade. It is suggested that the support of at least ten other licence holders is a practically reasonable number.
- b) That nominations be submitted in writing in advance, with the signatures of the required number of supporters (as proposed above), including clarification of whether the nomination is as a representative of hackney carriage or private hire licence holders and whether it is as a member of the trade representing minority ethnic members.

- c) That if more than six trade members are nominated, the agreement of the majority of those nominated be required as to which six nominations be put forward to the Council, subject to at least two places being filled by members who represent minority ethnic members of the trade if such nominations are made. In the event of there not being majority agreement of all those nominated, the elected Members of the Committee would decide which trade members should be appointed having regard to achieving as wide a representation as possible from different operators and drivers and to equalities issues.
- d) That the opportunity for appointing one reserve for each section (hackney carriage or private hire) to attend in the absence of one of the other three representatives be included.
- e) That the level at which members forfeit their place on the Committee be reduced to missing 'two consecutive meetings without good reason'.
- f) That the appointment of trade representatives be for a period of two years (subject to them not forfeiting their place as detailed above).

3 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Taxi Consultative Committee consider the revised proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference at its meeting on 19 April, 2017, and that the views of trade representatives be considered prior to a report being submitted to the Council's Appeals and Regulatory Committee to decide on proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference, in order for these to be implemented for the appointment of trade representatives in June 2017.