

APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 29th June, 2022

Present:-

Councillor A Murphy (Chair)

Councillors	Perkins Bingham G Falconer Flood P Innes	Councillors	Miles S Niblock Perry Redihough Rogers
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*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

12 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bellamy and Marriott.

14 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee held on 27 April, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - CCTV CONSULTATION FINDINGS**

The Licensing Manager presented a report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – CCTV consultation and sought a decision on whether CCTV should be mandated in taxis and private hire vehicles

licensed by this council. Currently it is an option for the trade to have CCTV in their vehicles.

In July 2020 the government published its document Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards which included guidance on the implementation of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles. The Standards document requires Licensing Authorities to consider the installation of CCTV matter and consult on it.

The consultation had been carried out, and the findings were attached at Appendix 1 of the report. There had been no appetite amongst the drivers to install CCTV and a number of barriers had been listed including the costs involved, safe storage of footage, potential for the footage to be misused and safeguarding the privacy of passengers.

It was acknowledged that the implementation of CCTV in all private hire vehicles would have a significant impact on the authority as it would become the data controller and require an extensive set of assessments new policies and guidance in order to ensure the safety and security of all stakeholders and the lawful processing of personal information.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That CCTV should not be mandated in Chesterfield Borough Council licenced taxis and private hire vehicles at this time.
2. That the situation be kept under review and brought back to the committee should officers consider that mandating CCTV would have a net positive effect on the safety of drivers, operators and passengers.