



Northumberland County Council

Licensing & Regulatory Committee

DATE: 20th June 2018

Guidance on the determining the suitability of applicants for hackney carriage and private hire licences

Report of the Interim Director of Place: Mr Paul Johnston

Cabinet Member: Councillor John Riddle

Purpose of report

To inform Members of the Committee of new guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

Recommendations

Members note the content of the report.

Authorise officers to consult on the amendment of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to adopt the recommended relevance of convictions section.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the enjoying, thriving and living priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021

Key issues

The Institute of Licensing has published guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney and private hire trades.

Background

Under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 applicants for hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators licences must be 'fit and proper' persons to hold licences.

In assessing whether an applicant is a 'fit and proper person' to hold a licence, the Council considers the relevance of convictions and cautions

Northumberland County Council's current policy contains a section on the relevance of convictions. This section of the policy was last reviewed in December 2015.

The guidance is attached as Appendix A.

Implications

Policy	Review of hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy required.
Finance and value for money	None
Legal	
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk Assessment	
Crime & Disorder	None
Customer Consideration	None
Carbon reduction	None
Wards	All

Background papers:

Report sign off.

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