

**MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Future Proposals for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing</b>
<b>DIRECTORATE:</b>	<b>Social Care, Safeguarding and Health</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Licensing and Regulatory Committee</b>
<b>Date to be considered:</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All Wards</b>

**1. PURPOSE:**

- 1.1 Information report for future consideration of the review of the Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2020, adopted by the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 Members have due regard to the Department of Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards, dated July 2020 and attached to this report as Appendix A.

**KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 In July 2020 the Department of Transport issued the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards. This document was published by the Secretary of State, under Section 177(1) of the Policing and Crime Act 2017. The document sets out the framework of policies under Section 177(4) of this Act that Local Authorities 'must have regard' to when exercising their functions. These functions include developing, implementing and reviewing their taxi and private hire licensing regime.
- 3.2 Since the publication of this document, and the requirement for each Authority to have regard to it, Authorities in Wales will look to adopt uniformity as much as possible and are currently working together on this matter.
- 3.3 This report is to inform Members of this document and the possibility of a further report seeking approval of recommended changes of the existing Taxi and Private Hire Policy and Conditions 2020. Proposed changes will be brought before the Licensing and Regulatory Committee in due course, with consultation taking place with those licensed for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire purposes.

**4 REASONS**

- 4.1 The report informs Members to have regard to the Department of Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards dated July 2020.

**5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 All Licensing fees and charges are recovered on a cost recovery basis.

**6. WELLBEING AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 Not required as the report is for information only.

**7. CONSULTEES:**

None

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Department of Transport's Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards, dated July 2020

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