

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 8

meeting date: TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2019
 title: PUBLIC MEETING WITH LICENCE HOLDERS
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the arrangements for and provisional agenda of the ‘annual’ taxi meeting.

1.2 Relevance to the Council’s ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – }
- Corporate Priorities – } The Council aims to be a well-managed authority
these proposals support that objective.
- Other Considerations – }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council used to hold an annual public meeting with its private hire and hackney carriage licence holders. This practice ceased when the Council decided not to hold an annual meeting due to the lack of attendance by the licence holders. Arrangements were put in place for a meeting to be convened at the request of licence holders, rather than automatically each year.

2.2 The Council has now received a request from its licence holders for a public meeting. The request listed a number of items to be discussed. In addition to these the Council has a number of proposals which it wishes to discuss with licence holders. Licence holders have been asked to nominate 2 members to represent the private hire and hackney carriage holders to agree an agenda, hence the agenda is provisional. A final agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting.

The provisional agenda for the meeting will be as follows:

1. Information and Welcome.
2. Unlicensed vehicles/drivers plying for hire in Ribble Valley.
3. Hackney Carriage licence holders from other boroughs carrying out private hire work in Ribble Valley.
4. Driver code of conduct.
5. De-restriction of hackney licence plates.
6. AOB.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The issues raised above will be discussed with licence holders at a public meeting which will follow the Committee meeting on 12 November 2019. All licence holders have been advised of the time and date of the meeting. The police and highway authority have also been invited to attend.

3.2 There will be an opportunity to discuss these issues in Committee prior to the meeting. It is hoped that all Committee members will then attend the public meeting with licence holders.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – No implications identified
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – No implications identified.
- Political - No implications identified.
- Reputation – No implications identified.
- Equality & Diversity – No implications identified.

5 CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

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