



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 16th February 2017

Agenda Item : 11

SUBJECT: HACKNEY CARRIAGE(TAXI) PRIVATE HIRE KNOWLEDGE TEST

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

A Morgan(Chairman) M Webber, R Bevan,
A Crimmings, M Forey, G Hopkins,
E Hanagan, J Rosser, M Norris

**Apology for Absence
County Borough Councillor:**

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

B Morgan, J Bonetto, B Stephens, S Bradwick,
I Pearce, C Davies, P Jarman, E Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To approve the implementation of a Hackney Carriage (Taxi) / Private Hire Driver Knowledge Test for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough and the required amendment to the existing '*Conditions of Application and Schedule of Conditions relevant to Joint Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licences*'.
2. To approve the introduction of a charge to cover the costs to the Council of administering the Driver Knowledge Test
3. To undertake a consultation with the Licensed Taxi trade concerning the operating guidance that will underpin the implementation of the amended '*Conditions of Application and Schedule of Conditions relevant to Joint Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licences*'.
4. To authorise the Service Director, Public Health and Protection, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, to consider the outcome of the consultation and make the appropriate arrangements to implement the Driver Knowledge Test pre requisite to licence application requirement.

N.B- With the agreement of the Chairman, County Borough Councillors E Webster and B Morgan spoke on this item

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to seek Cabinet approval for the introduction of a pre requisite condition for application to licence for licensing of Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Vehicle Drivers to incorporate a Hackney Carriage (taxi)/ Private Hire Vehicle driver Knowledge Test.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

- The Council's priority of being amongst the safest places in Wales - 'The Way Ahead 2016-2020.'

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- A previous consultation exercise was undertaken with the licensed taxi trade in 2015 concerning the implementation of a Driver Knowledge Test for prospective taxi/private hire driver licensees.

- A period of consultation was also conducted with Taxi users in 2015, the results of this survey indicated that 100% of respondees would expect drivers to have good local knowledge of the area. 28% of respondees indicated that their experience of driver knowledge was either average or poor.

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

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6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

- None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

- None

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **24th February 2017** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

- I. COUNCIL FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason:.....**N/A**.....
- II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason:.....**N/A**.....

8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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(Proper Officer)

16th February 2017
(Dated)