

***Report of the Licensing
and Regulatory
Committee***

The LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE reports and recommends as follows:-

1. Proposed Draft Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of City Development (copy attached) dated 25th July, 2022 seeking approval to the proposed Draft Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy and arrangements for the formal consultation and subsequent approval of the final Draft Statement.

Whilst the arrangements for the formal consultation and subsequent approval of the final Draft Statement rests with the Committee, Council approval is sought in accordance with Paragraph 3.9 of the said report to amend the Terms of Reference of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and the Scheme of Delegation and Appointment of Proper Officers insofar as it relates to the Executive Director for City Development in order for the same to be updated, including, amongst other things, express reference being made to the Committee having responsibility for the following matters:-

- (a) Determination of the licensing objectives that will form the basis of the Council's Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy, with the licensing objectives being subject to regular reviews by the Committee as appropriate; and
- (b) Approval, review and amendment of the Council's Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends Council to approve the amendment of the Terms of Reference of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and the Scheme of Delegation and Appointment of Proper Officers insofar as it relates to the Executive Director for City Development in order for the same to be updated as set out in Paragraph 3.9 of the report and to authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly, including the making of any consequential amendments.

Note: The Draft Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy referred to as appendix 1 of the report can be viewed online at:

<https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/10837/Committee/1966/Default.aspx>

