

**Taxis Committee – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**Report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources**

**Review of Taxi Testing Manual**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the review of the Taxi Testing Manual

**Background**

2. A review of the Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Testing Manual was approved by the Committee in January 2002.
3. Transport Services have again reviewed the Testing Manual and on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009, Pete Lloyd presented a copy of the draft document to the Taxi Focus Group. The Focus Group agreed the document in principal and did not raise any points for re-consideration.
4. A copy of the draft document was also posted on the Licensing Web pages for consultation, requesting any representations to be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009, again no observations were received.
5. A copy of that draft document is attached to this report as Appendix 1.
6. Mr Pete Lloyd of Transport Services will be in attendance at the Taxis Committee to answer any questions.
7. This application falls within the Council's responsibility for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing which has a direct link to the Council's key corporate priority that safety matters.

**Finance**

8. There are no financial implications

## **Law**

9. Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976) regulates Private Hire Vehicles and Hackney Carriages and the Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 regulates Hackney Carriages.

## **Equality Impact**

10. This report complies fully with the Council's policy on equal opportunities.
11. The licensing of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles and drivers will impact on children and young people through their transportation in licensing vehicles.
12. There has been no consultation or involvement of children and young people in developing these proposals.

## **Recommendation**

13. That the Committee consider the review of the Taxi Testing Manual.



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## **List of Background Papers**