
Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy

1.0 Matter for consideration

- 1.1 The Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Licensing Policy

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Committee will be requested to consider the proposed policy and recommend its approval to the Executive.
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3.0 Information

- 3.1 The Public Protection Sub-Committee at its meeting on 22nd October 2009 requested that Officers conduct a full review of all aspects of horse drawn hackney carriage licensing.
- 3.2 A draft policy was prepared, and the Public Protection Sub-Committee approved the document for consultation at its meeting on the 11th February 2010.
- 3.3 Consultation with the horse drawn hackney carriage trade took place until 14th May 2010.
- 3.4 The responses to the consultation were considered and a draft final policy was prepared and placed on the agenda for the Public Protection Sub-Committee's meeting on 29th July 2010 together with copies of all responses to the consultation that had been received.
- 3.5 Paragraph 2.1 of the document was the most controversial element of the consultation. Officers provided the Sub-Committee with three options:
1. Only licence traditional style carriages
 2. Permit both traditional and "Cinderella" style carriages
 3. Permit any style of carriage
- 3.6 At the meeting on 29th July 2010, the Sub-Committee was informed that since dispatch of the agenda for the meeting, notice of an accident involving a horse drawn hackney carriage on the Promenade, had been received. Details emerging had been unclear and the Sub-Committee was therefore advised to defer its decision until such time as an accurate and detailed investigation could take place to establish how the circumstances may impact upon its decision making
- 3.7 Information concerning the circumstances of the accident was obtained, and this was placed before the Sub-Committee, together with the proposed policy and consultation responses on 23rd September 2010. The Sub-Committee heard additional representations from the Cinderella carriage operators and also considered further written submissions from the Landau Association.

3.8 The decision of the Sub-Committee after taking into consideration all representations and consultation responses into consideration was that the policy should contain option 3 - to permit any style of carriage with the ultimate decision on licensing to rest with the Sub-Committee.

3.9 The Licensing Committee is now asked to consider the proposed policy and recommend to the Executive that it is adopted.

4.0 Financial considerations

4.1 None

5.0 Legal considerations

5.1 None

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Appendices attached:

Appendix 4a- Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage Policy

Background papers:

None

Websites and e-mail links for further information:

None

Glossary:

None