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Strategic Licensing Committee
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## **REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICIES AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS.**

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### **1. Summary**

The existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011. The Licensing Service has undergone a number of changes since this time. As a consequence it has been identified that some areas of the policy require amendment in order to facilitate the work the service is undertaking with regard to enforcement and compliance.

Consideration has been given to the processes followed during previous consultations and the most effective ways to consult with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade, resulting in the recommendations below.

### **2. Recommendation**

That the Strategic Licensing Committee:-

- 2.1 Agree for the existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to be reviewed.
- 2.2 Nominate Members to form part of a Rapid Action Group to work with Officers on the completion of the review in consultation with the Trade.
- 2.3 Agree for Taxi Forums to be arranged to allow members of the Trade to put forward issues they have with the existing policy and to provide suggestions for improvements that could be made. (All suggestions will be considered and will form the basis for the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy to be put forward for formal consultation.)
- 2.4 Agree for formal consultation to be undertaken on the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy for no less than 12 weeks to commence from June 2014.

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### 3. Risk Assessment and Human Rights Act Appraisal

- 3.1 This report is the initial request to Members for permission to review the existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and therefore a risk assessment has not been carried out.

### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### 5. Background

- 5.1 The existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy came into effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 as a result of lengthy consultation with Trade Representatives. (Appendix A)

**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Strategic Licensing Committee Report, Common Licence Conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles and Drivers.

Minutes from the Strategic Licensing Committee Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Cabinet Member:** Cllr Steve Charmley

**Local Member:**  
Cover all areas of Shropshire

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policies and Associated Documents. (Dated: 01 October 2011). A copy of Appendix A is available with the agenda on the Shropshire Council Website.