

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE**

**17 JUNE 2021**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. Jarman (in the Chair).

Councillors J.M. Axford, B. Brotherton, D. Butt, S. Taylor, M.P. Whetton and B.G. Winstanley

#### In attendance

L. Grimshaw	Legal Assistant,
J. Boyle	Licensing Team Leader,
K. Hinchliffe	Senior Licensing Officer,
N. Owen	Governance Officer.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from S. Thomas and M.J. Welton

### **15. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No questions were submitted.

### **16. MEMBERSHIP OF PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE**

RESOLVED: That the Membership of the Public Protection Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year 2021/2022 and the Terms of Reference for the Public Protection Sub-Committee be noted.

### **17. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **18. THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF TAXI LICENCE REFUSALS AND REVOCATIONS (NR3)**

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting members to consider adopting the use of the National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals and Revocations (NR3).

The Sub-Committee were informed that NR3 is a national register which provides a mechanism for licensing authorities to share details of individuals who have had a taxi licence revoked or refused.

The Sub-Committee were also informed that it was proposed that all new driver and renewal applications in Trafford will be checked against the register and that the Council's historical data on refusals and revocations would be provided to the NR3.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the adoption of the use of the National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals and Revocations (NR3) be agreed as part of Trafford Council's taxi licensing regime.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Licensing Team Leader and the Regulatory Services Manager (Trading Standards and Licensing) to determine whether historic data will be uploaded to the NR3 register as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report.

## **19. MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS - CONSULTATION FINDINGS**

The Sub-Committee received a presentation from the Licensing Team Leader on the findings of the consultation findings regarding the Minimum Licensing Standards.

The consultation was undertaken by independent consultants AECOM.

Consultation had taken place between 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 and responses were captured via email, an online questionnaire and a paper questionnaire. Forty in depth interviews were also held with Hackney and PHV drivers and operators.

Members of the public who responded strongly agreed with the minimum standards as they felt the standards would improve safety and customer experience.

Drivers and operators generally didn't agree with the proposals, especially the ones which would impact them financially, as they can't afford to upgrade and think the proposals should be delayed as Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the trade.

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.00 pm