

COMMITTEE: TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

DATE: 14th SEPTEMBER 2010

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING PANELS 2010-11

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF DEMOCRACY AND ENGAGEMENT)

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To appoint the 455 possible panels of three Members, that are to hear appeals from applicants for Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Licences.
2. To agree that in future where there are changes to the membership of the Committee, new members of the Committee automatically take the places on Licensing Panels 1 to 455 formerly occupied by the Member they are replacing.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

3. Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Committee is recommended to:
 - (i) agree the membership of Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panels 1-455
 - (ii) agree that in future, when there are changes to the membership of the Committee, new members of the Committee are automatically appointed to the places on the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panels occupied by the Member of the Committee they are replacing.

REPORT

4. The Council meeting of 20th July 2010 resolved to establish a Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Committee of 15 members (Council Minute 111/10). Council also resolved:
 - (iii) That the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Committee, at a meeting to be held on or before 23rd September 2010, appoint the maximum number of sub-committees, to be known as Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panels and each consisting of three members, which may be appointed from its membership for the purposes referred to in (ii) above.
5. In order to avoid the necessity for holding a meeting of the Licensing Committee every time its membership changes, to agree corresponding changes to the Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panels, it is suggested that the Committee agrees that wherever there is a change in its membership, the new Member automatically replaces the outgoing member on the relevant Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Panels.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no legal implications other than those set out in the body of this report and this has been agreed with Mary Cormack in Legal Services on 1st September 2010.

APPENDIX

7. The following appendix is attached to this report:

Appendix A: Schedule showing proposed membership of the Licensing Panels 1-455

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

There are no background papers to this report.