

Committee: Licensing and Environmental Health Committee

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Title: Training Day Implementation and Driver License Option

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Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Licensing and Environmental Health Committee of the necessary changes to Private Hire and Operator Licences and policy with effect from spring 2021

Financial Implications

2. None

Background Papers

3. Committee report 20th March 2019

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	None Needed
Community Safety	The Training Day was agreed by the Licensing Committee in 2019. Its implementation is necessary in order to meet the DfT Standards and minimise risk to our communities
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	This is a proportionate requirement to ensure licensing authorities including Uttlesford carry out their due diligence.
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

5. Uttlesford Council licensing team currently only issue one type of driver's licence, namely a combined licence. This entitles the holder to either driver a Private Hire Vehicle or Hackney Carriage.

5.1 With the introduction of an Uttlesford driver' training programme the licensing team will also now be introducing a Private Hire Licence for drivers.

5.2 When attending the training day, drivers will have an option to complete the knowledge test. Those drivers who do sit the optional Hackney carriage knowledge test and pass, will remain combined drivers and will be licensed to drive both Hackney carriages and Private Hire Vehicles.

5.3 Those drivers who do not sit the knowledge test will become solely Private Hire licensed drivers

5.4 As a result of these changes to policy the Licensing team will be introducing new driver's coloured badges to reflect this. These will be coloured to represent the licence of the driver

- Yellow - PHV drivers
- White - Combined drivers

5.5 All being well the training programme (which was agreed by committee in 2019) will be implemented by the spring of 2021. All drivers applying for their licence (either new applicants or on renewal) will need to complete and pass the course to be issued with a new licence.

5.6 To meet DfT Standards quickly the Licensing Team will also be ensuring that our current drivers will attend the course within 18 months (rather than 3 years) of the implementation of the course at UDC.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
3 = Significant risk or impact – action required	2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary. There is a need for the council to ensure it meet the Government standards. This includes Safeguard training for every driver licensing by the council.	3 = Significant risk or impact – action required	3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

- 1 = Little or no risk or impact
- 2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.
- 3 = Significant risk or impact – action required
- 4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.