

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET – 2 AUGUST 2016

Recommendation from the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 July 2016:-

REVISED APPLICATION PACK AND HANDBOOK FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

The Council had responsibility for licensing the drivers of hackney carriages (taxis) and private hire vehicles (minicabs) within the Borough. As part of this, the Council provided information to drivers and potential drivers through a “Driver Handbook and Application Pack”. Members had previously agreed that the “driver handbook” should be updated and a consultation exercise on the revised content had taken place. The report of the Director (Governance) asked Members to consider the results of that consultation process and to refer the revised handbook to Cabinet for consideration and on to the Council for adoption.

In response to questions from Members, Officers advised that due to legislation, only certain sections of the text contained within the handbook could be consulted on. As much of the wording as possible had been brought up to date, however the majority was governed by bylaws and could only be changed in a long drawn out process involving the Secretary of State. Nor did the Council have the powers to change other processes. It was noted that the term ‘County Police Station’ would be amended to Police Station.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the results of the consultation process on the revised application pack and handbook be noted.
- (2) That the results of the consultation exercise (Appendices A and B) and the revised Driver Application Pack and Handbook (Appendix C) to the report of the Director (Governance) be referred to the Cabinet for agreement and recommendation to the Council for adoption.