

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

REPORT: Regulatory Committee
DATE: 4 April 2005
REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Taxi Licensing Matter
WARDS: Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To determine the Councils policy in relation to Declaration No 6 on the Application for a Single Status Drivers Licence

- 2. RECOMMENDED: That The Committee reviews its existing policy on requiring applicants to allow information to be shared with relevant Government Agencies and to confirm or amend the policy accordingly.**

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 When applying for a Single Status Drivers Licence in Halton applicants are required to sign various declarations.
- 3.2 Recently when renewing their current Single Status Drivers Licences two current licence holder have deleted declaration number 6 before signing and submitting their applications.
- 3.3 Declaration 6 states ' I authorise any details disclosed by me to the Council to be used by the Council and any Government Agency in the investigation of matters involving or related to my status as a licence holder'.
- 3.4 The applicants can be assured that the personal information would be used for legal search purposes only as opposed to commercial distribution.

4. COMMENTS

- 4.1 All applicants who hold a single Status Drivers Licence must be fit and proper to hold the licence, this involves CRB checks, references, medical test, knowledge test etc.
- 4.2 The question for the Committee in this instance is whether a fit and proper person would refuse to allow the Council to share information

with Government Agencies about matters which relate to information supplied as part of the application process.

- 4.3 Reference will be made at the Committee to the declaration required to be made by all Single Status Licence holders and to the practice elsewhere.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 The options available to the Committee are:

- (a) Maintain all declarations currently stated on the Single Status Drivers application form:
- (b) Amend or Delete declaration No 6

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

8. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Document	Place of Inspection	Contact Officer
Application Documents	Legal Services	John Tully