

REPORT:	Regulatory Committee
DATE:	12 October 2022
REPORTING OFFICER:	Operational Director – Legal and Democratic Services
PORTFOLIO:	Resources
SUBJECT:	Taxi Licensing Update
WARDS:	Borough-wide

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To receive a report summarising the decisions taken by the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee and the urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive under delegated powers.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Regulatory Committee notes the contents of the report.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Decisions of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee

- 3.1 Members will recall that the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee was formed on 14 July 2021.
- 3.2 Since its formation, it has determined 5 new applications for Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Driver's Licences and 1 renewal application. Out of the 5 new applications, 3 were granted and 2 were refused. The renewal application was also refused.
- 3.3 Further details are set out at Appendix A of this report.

Officer decisions

- 3.4 The Council's Constitution gives authority to the Chief Executive to take urgent decisions which are required before the next formal meeting of the Regulatory Committee. These must be made in consultation with the Leader of the Council where practicable, and with the Operational Director – Finance and/or Operational Director – Legal and Democratic Services

where necessary. They must also be reported for information to the next practically available committee meeting.

3.5 On or around 28 February 2022, the Council's licensing department received information about one of its licensed taxi drivers. Due to the serious nature of the information, the decision was taken to revoke the driver's licence with immediate effect in the interests of public safety.

3.6 On or around 1 September 2022, the Council's licensing department received information about another of its licensed taxi drivers. Again due to the serious nature of the information, the decision was taken to revoke the driver's licence with immediate effect in the interests of public safety.

3.7 Further information is set out at Appendix B.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None – this is an information item only.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

None

6.2 Employment Learning and Skills in Halton

None

6.3 A Healthy Halton

None

6.4 A Safer Halton

None

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None

7. RISK ANALYSIS

There are no associated risks which have been identified with this item.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None

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

The committee reports and officer reports relating to the above decisions are exempt from production by virtue of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as they contain information relating to an individual and/ or their financial or business affairs.