

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board  
**DATE:** 14 November 2024  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director – Legal and Democratic Services  
**PORTFOLIO:** Corporate Services  
**SUBJECT:** Taxi Licensing Matter  
**WARD(S)** Boroughwide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To receive a report from the Regulatory Committee recommending that the Executive Board approve amendments to the current taxi licensing policy/conditions.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED:**

**It is recommended that:-**

1. The Vehicle Age Policy is to be amended to remove the minimum age requirement from 5 years to 7 for a standard vehicle and maximum from 10 to 12 years and keep the minimum age of 13 years for a wheelchair accessible vehicle, whilst increasing the maximum to 18 years. (Maintaining the same testing conditions as two per year).
2. The proposal for card readers to become mandatory be rejected (so no change in conditions).
3. The proposal to change the colour of purpose-built wheelchair vehicles be rejected (so no change in conditions).
4. The proposal to amend the condition for a spare wheel/space saver to be adopted (to remove the current policy requirement for a space saver/spare wheel in the vehicle, with the implications that the manufacturers specifications apply).
5. The proposal to remove the fire extinguisher be rejected (so no change in conditions).
6. The age of Electric Vehicles to remain the same as the current age policy.

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Several recommendations to change taxi licensing policy/conditions

have been proposed by the Taxi trade. Following the proposals, a consultation exercise was carried out, and the findings can be found in the committee report that was presented to the Regulatory Committee (See Appendix 1).

- 3.2 On 9th October 2024, the Regulatory Committee considered the proposals as detailed in the aforementioned report (See Appendix 1) and accordingly recommended the position set out in Section 2 of this report be adopted by The Executive Board (see the draft minutes at Appendix 2).

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The subject matter of this report is to adopt changes to Taxi Licensing Policy/Conditions as set out herein.

#### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None

#### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

- 6.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence  
None

- 6.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy  
None

- 6.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families  
None

- 6.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need  
None

- 6.5 Working Towards a Greener Future  
None

- 6.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community  
None

#### 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 None

#### 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None