

# Cheltenham Borough Council

## Licensing Committee – 6 March 2019

### Taxi and private hire vehicle licensing - protecting users: statutory guidance for licensing authorities - Consultation

#### Report of the Licensing Team Leader

#### 1. Executive Summary and Recommendation

- 1.1 On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, the Department for Transport launched a consultation on proposed statutory guidance for licensing authorities on taxi and private hire vehicle licensing.
- 1.2 The proposed statutory guidance is currently being consulted on by the DfT. Since the Licensing Committee has formal responsibility in discharging the council's licensing functions, it is appropriate that the Committee be given an opportunity to review and respond to the proposed statutory guidance.
- 1.3 A copy of the proposed statutory guidance is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

#### 1.4 The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.4.1 Note the proposed statutory guidance;
- 1.4.2 Submit any comments it has in relation to the consultation on proposed statutory guidance; and
- 1.4.3 Delegate authority to the Licensing Team Leader to submit the Committee's response, along with any other officer response, to the Department for Transport prior to the consultation deadline.

#### 1.6 Implications

- 1.6.1 Legal                      The Licensing Committee is delegated authority under the constitution to act as consultee to Cabinet or Lead Member on recommendations and responses for, amongst other things, the review of licensing policy and national licensing policy.

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#### Background Papers

#### Service Records

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