

## Cheltenham Borough Council

### Cabinet Member for Development and Safety – 01 June 2020

#### Approval to consult on proposed ‘Partitions or screens in Hackney Carriages or Private Hire Vehicles’ policy

<b>Accountable member</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Development and Safety, Cllr Andrew McKinlay</b>
<b>Accountable officer</b>	<b>Director of Environment, Mike Redman</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Key/Significant Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive summary</b>	A draft policy to install discretionary partition screens in licensed hackney carriage and private hire vehicles has been drawn up to support the recovery of the trade, promote good public health and provide the travelling public with confidence during the Covid-19 pandemic.
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Cabinet Member for Development and Safety is recommended to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the proposed policy for consultation.</li> </ol>

<b>Financial implications</b>	No direct financial implications arising from this report. <b>Contact officer: Andrew Knott, Andrew.Knott@publicagroup.uk</b>
<b>Legal implications</b>	As outlined in the report. <b>Contact officer: Sarah Farooqi, sarah.farooqi@teWKesbury.gov.uk</b>
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	No direct HR implications arising from this report. <b>Contact officer: Clare Jones, clare.jones@publicagroup.uk</b>
<b>Key risks</b>	If the authority does not adopt a policy-based approach on to the issue of partition screens in licensed vehicles, then it will be unable to manage this effectively and in the interests of promoting the policy aims.
<b>Corporate and community plan Implications</b>	As outlined in the report.
<b>Environmental and climate change implications</b>	None arising specifically from the recommendations within this report.
<b>Property/Asset Implications</b>	N/A <b>Contact officer: Dominic.Stead@cheltenham.gov.uk</b>

## 1. Background

- 1.1 A draft policy to install discretionary partition screens in licensed hackney carriage and private hire vehicles has been drawn up to support the recovery of the trade, promote good public health and provide the travelling public with confidence during the Covid-19 pandemic, the effects of which are likely to persist for some time.
- 1.2 Permission is sought from the Cabinet Member for Development and Safety to consult on the proposed policy.
- 1.3 A copy of the draft policy is attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

## 2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 To support the recovery of the licensed trade, promote good public health and provide the traveling public with confidence.

## 3. Alternative options considered

- 3.1 Not to adopt this policy. However, for the reasons outlined in this report, the alternative is not advisable.

## 4. How this initiative contributes to the corporate plan

- 4.1 Supports the authority's recovery work that ties in to the wider corporate plan.

## 5. Consultation and feedback

- 5.1 Informal consultation with Members of the Licensing Committee in the formation of the proposed policy.
- 5.2 Due to the time sensitivities relating to this policy, a shorter than usual consultation of two weeks will be undertaken.

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<b>Appendices</b>	1. Proposed 'Partitions or screens in Hackney Carriages or Private Hire vehicles' policy.
<b>Background information</b>	