

## DECISION SHEET: REGULATORY COMMITTEE

### 14 MARCH 2018

<b>Councillors Present:</b>	Councillor Morris (Chair) Councillors Buckley, Exon, Geaney, Green, Legg, McDonald, Miles, Patey-Smith, Petchey, Wallis, Webb, C Williams and P Williams.
<b>Officers Present:</b>	N Allen (Head of Regulatory Services), S Teesdale (Licensing and Business Manager), S Bailey (Strategic Lead Parking and Taxis), L Gardner (Case Manager – Litigation), N Ahmad (Senior Solicitor), J Agar (Regulatory Unit Senior Practitioner), K Evans (Senior Enforcement Officer), E Fisher (Senior Practitioner), R Armstrong (Rights of Way Officer), A Ward (Senior Practitioner) and S Heap (Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager)
<b>Also Present:</b>	29 Members of the Public
<b>Apology:</b>	Councillor Alexander

<b>Agenda Ref.</b>	<b>Subject and Decision</b>	<b>Decision Referral</b>	<b>Officer(s) Responsible for Action</b>
3.	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>That the Minutes of the meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 13 December 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, subject to Councillor McDonald's apologies being recorded.</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
4.	<p><b>Disclosures of Interest</b></p> <p>Councillor Buckley advised the Committee that the law firm in which he was a Partner had acted for the taxi company in the High Court Case referred to in Item 10 (Proposals to Deal with Excessive Levels of Cross-Border Hiring and its Impact on Milton Keynes Residents and Taxi Licensing), however he had had no involvement in the Case.</p>	-	-
6.	<p><b>Referral from Council 21 February 2018 - Single Use Plastics and Disposable Cups</b></p> <p>That the Committee receive a report at a future meeting on whether there are requirements with regard to recycling Single Use Plastics, including plastic drinking straws and Disposable Cups that could be placed on all licensed premises, within current legislation.</p>	-	Service Director (Public Realm)
7.	<p><b>Amendments to Milton Keynes Council Street Trading Policy and Deregulation of City Square</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet be recommended to adopt the amendments to the Street Trading Policy, as highlighted in the Policy Document.</li> <li>2. That a consultation be undertaken on the deregulation of City Square, the results of which are reported to the next available meeting of the Committee.</li> </ol>	Cabinet	<p>-</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Head of Regulatory Services</p>

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8.	<p><b>Registered Town and Village Greens and Current Applications</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the procedure for processing village green applications be amended to include that prior to the submission of a village green application in respect of Council owned land, applicants be provided with a copy of the Land Transfer document showing the Terms and Conditions on which the land was transferred.</li> <li>2. That the Cabinet, or responsible Cabinet member be requested to consider implementing a voluntary village green registration procedure.</li> </ol>	-	Rights of Way Officer / Senior Solicitor
9.	<p><b>Change in Taxi Application Process (online services) and Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation Training</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the changes to Appendix B and D of the Policy with regard to the Taxi Application Process.</li> <li>2. That the following condition be added to all combined private hire and Hackney Carriage driver licences:  GB.22A “The licence holder shall attend a training session on Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation as directed by the Council.”  and Cabinet be requested to change the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (Taxi) Policy to reflect the new Condition.</li> </ol>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>-</p> <p>Cabinet</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager Senior Practitioner</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposals to Deal with Excessive Levels of Cross-Border Hiring and its Impact on Milton Keynes Residents and Taxi Licensing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Cabinet, following consultation with the Taxi Trade on the recommended changes to the Driver Induction and Knowledge Test, be recommend to consider abolishing the current fee for the Driver Induction and Knowledge Test for all new applicants and replacing the tests with a new procedure known as Driver Assessment Suitability which is of an equal or higher standard to the current testing arrangements, together with details of how the Driver Assessment Suitability test will be implemented and structured.</li> </ol>	Cabinet	-  Head of Regulatory Services / Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager

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10 (cont).	<p><b>Proposals to Deal with Excessive Levels of Cross-Border Hiring and its Impact on Milton Keynes Residents and Taxi Licensing</b></p> <p>2. That the Cabinet be recommend to remove the restriction that vehicles cannot have rear tinted windows by amending Condition A2.52 of Appendix A of the Taxi Licensing Policy to read:</p> <p><i>“Side and rear windows will not have a visual light transmission restriction but they can only be installed by the vehicle’s manufacturer. Adhesive window tints of any shade are not accepted for any licensed vehicle.”</i></p> <p>Other Action:</p> <p>Enforcement Officers to investigate reported problems being experienced by Hackney Carriage drivers at the Station Square and Midsummer Boulevard (McDonalds) Ranks with the Ranks being used by other than Hackney Carriage Vehicles for drop off, collection and parking.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>-</p>	<p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Regulatory Unit Senior Practitioner</p>
11.	<p><b>Unmet Demand Survey 2018</b></p> <p>That the limit on the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicles licences that will be granted by Milton Keynes Council be set at 137 vehicles and officers colleagues requested to prepare a report, in consultation with representatives of the Hackney Carriage Trade, outlining the steps that the Council could take to bring the number of vehicles down to the 137 limit within a timescale to be agreed between the Council and the Trade.</p>	-	Senior Practitioner
12.	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting</b></p> <p>It was noted that the date of the next Regulatory Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 26 June 2018 at the conclusion of the Licensing Committee meeting.</p>	-	-