

DECISION-MAKER:	Licensing (General) Sub Committee		
SUBJECT:	Conditions for Private Hire Drivers		
DATE OF DECISION:	14 th November 2007		
REPORT OF:	Solicitor to the Council		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

SUMMARY Members to consider inclusion of additional condition for Private Hire Drivers to ensure the notification of any criminal or motoring conviction or any finding of guilt or caution or arrest for any offence to the Licensing Section.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That members approve an addition to the Private Hire Drivers conditions that any holder of a Private Hire Drivers Licence issued by Southampton City Council must inform the Licensing Section of any criminal or motoring conviction or any finding of guilt or caution or arrest for any offence within two weeks of the conviction or any finding of guilt or caution or arrest
- (ii) That Legal Services be granted delegated authority to draft the appropriate wording of such a condition in order to achieve the timely disclosure of such matters.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Licensing Section currently receives notification of convictions, caution or arrest from Hampshire Constabulary if a driver declares his occupation as a Taxi Driver to them. However, many offences are committed in other force areas or are not notified for various reasons and the Licensing Section does not become aware of any conviction until the date of renewal. In some cases this can result in a driver who, in normal circumstances, would have been brought before the Committee for a decision as to whether he or she is a fit and proper person to hold the driving licence, not coming to notice for many months.
2. If a condition of this nature is agreed it will help to ensure that any driver committing serious offences can be either suspended as soon as the offence comes to light, or to be brought before the Committee for a decision as to their future as a driver.

CONSULTATION

3. None.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. No other options have been considered in this instance.

DETAIL

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

5. No capital implications.

Revenue

6. No revenue implications.

Property

7. No property implications.

Other

8. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. S51 (2) Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states:
A District Council may attach to the grant of a licence under this section such conditions as they may consider reasonably necessary.

Other Legal Implications:

10. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

12.	None

Documents In Members' Rooms

13.	None

Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

14.	None	

Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A

KEY DECISION?

N/A

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
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