Supplementary report in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Fees

New legislation has come in to force since the original fee structure was proposed which amends the Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 in relation to the duration of licences for hackney carriage and private hire drivers and private hire operators.

Section 10, subsection 2 of the Deregulation Act 2015 changes the law in such a way as to establish a standard duration of three years for hackney carriage and private hire driver licences. The section specifies that a licence may be granted for a period of less than three year but only in circumstances of an individual case, not because of a blanket policy.

Subsection 3 of the Act changes the law in such a way as to establish a standard duration of five years for a private hire vehicle operator licence. The section specifies that a licence may be granted for a period of less than five years but only in the circumstances of an individual case, not because of blanket policy.

The original table regarding the recommended fees for 2016/2017 has been updated below to reflect the changes in the legislation:

Licence	Current £	Proposed £
Private Hire Operators 5 Year Licence		1 Vehicle - £170 2 - 5 Vehicles - £340 6 - 15 Vehicles - £1020 16 -25 Vehicles - £2720 26 - 35 Vehicles - £4420 36 - 50 Vehicles - £6120 Plus £20 per additional vehicle after 50 vehicles.
Drivers badge - Dual Licence - 3 year licence	214	223 - includes new additional badge to be displayed in the vehicle
Transfer of single driver licence to dual		30 - NEW
Replacement badge	13	14
DBS (CRB)	44 – Set Fee	44
Hackney carriage - vehicles	280	285
Private hire - vehicles	275	280
Private hire - vehicles 8+ seats	280	285
Transfer of vehicle	37	38
Failure to attend for vehicle test	100	102
Retest	35	36
Replacement plate and carrier - front	5	5
Replacement plate and carrier - rear	5	5

Recommendations

a) That the Public Protection Committee considers the updated proposed fees.

b) Cabir	That any comments and recommendations from the Committee be fed back to net.
c)	That the proposed fees be sent out for consultation.