

Local Government Association – Handbook for Councillors – Taxi and PHV Licensing

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Portfolio: Finance, IT & Customer

Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To notify the Committee that the Local Government Association have revised their handbook for Councillors that relates to Taxi and PHV Licensing

Recommendations

That Members note the revised document

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) are a politically-led, cross-party organisation that works on behalf of councils to ensure local government has a strong, credible voice with national government. We aim to influence and set the political agenda on the issues that matter to councils so they are able to deliver local solutions to national problems.
- 1.2 One of the LGA's roles is to provide support to Local Authorities and their Elected Members by publishing guidance documents and reports on all aspects of Local Government responsibilities.
- 1.3 The LGA updated their 'Taxi and PHV Licensing - Handbook for Councillors (England and Wales)' in August 2017. The document is attached to the report as Appendix A.
- 1.4 The Handbook gives guidance on areas including:
 - An overview of the regulatory framework for taxis and PHVs
 - The role of councillors
 - The 'fit and proper' person test
 - Public protection and enforcement
 - Disability and equality issues

2. Proposal

- 2.1 That the Committee note the revised document.

3. Reasons for Preferred Solution

- 3.1 There is no action to be taken in respect of the document.

4. Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 Creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- 4.2 A Borough of Opportunity
- 4.3 Creating a healthy and active community, and
- 4.4 Becoming a Co-operative Council delivering high quality, community driven services

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

5.1 None

6. **Financial and Resource Implications**

6.1 None

7. **Earlier Committee Resolutions**

7.1 None

8. **Background Papers**

8.1 LGA Councillor Handbook – Taxi and PHV Licensing – Revised August 2017