

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE TOWN CENTRE OPERATIONS

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**Portfolio**                **Environment and Recycling**

**Ward(s) affected**    **All**

### **Purpose of the Report**

At the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Members of the Committee requested an item be brought to the next meeting to discuss the Hackney Carriage operations in the town centre.

### **Recommendations**

That the report be received and a further report be provided to September's meeting.

### **Reasons**

A number of matters were raised by hackney carriage drivers regarding operations of hackney carriages around the town centre, members wished to discuss this matter further.

#### **1.    Background**

- 1.1    The Councils has responsibilities under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to licence both Private Hire and Hackney Carriage drivers and vehicles.
- 1.2    At the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016, a number of issues were raised by drivers. Such issues included the conduct of drivers, the operation of the High Street marshal scheme by the Hackney Carriage Association and the collection of fees by members of the Hackney Carriage Association.
- 1.3    Members requested a further report be brought to the next meeting to discuss these matters further.

#### **2.    Issues**

- 2.1    Officers have held initial discussions with the chair of the Hackney Carriage Association and they are proposing to develop a constitution for their organisation. The Association are also proposing to hold a meeting and have invited officers of the Council to attend. An update can be provided at the September meeting and any issues that have been highlighted can be discussed in more detail at that meeting

#### **3.    Policy Considerations**

There are none arising from this report.

4. **Outcomes Linked to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 In line with the Council's objectives –

- (a) Promoting a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- (b) Promoting a Borough of Opportunity

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

5.1 The Councils has responsibilities under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to licence both Private Hire and Hackney carriage drivers and vehicles.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no differential equality impacts identified within this report.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

There will be officer time and expense incurred in liaising with and attending the hackney carriage associations meeting.