



Ryedale District Council

REPORT TO: Community Services & Licensing Committee

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SUBJECT: THE WAY FORWARD
REVIEW OF THE TAXI LICENSING SERVICE

WARDS AFFECTED: All

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend that this Committee authorises the establishment of a task group to review the Taxi Licensing Service and propose a joint meeting with the Taxi Working Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this Committee;

1. approve the establishment of a Member task group with terms of reference being to make recommendations to the Community services and Licensing Committee regarding
 - a. taxi licensing policy and
 - b. taxi licensing fees and charges
2. appoints members to the task group, and
3. approve a joint meeting of the task group with the Taxi Working Group during August to allow recommendations to be made to this Committee in September prior to the 2009/2010 budget setting process.

3.0 BACKGROUND/REASONS SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATION

At the meeting of this Committee on 10 April 2008 it was resolved "that the hackney carriage and private hire fees be reviewed in preparation for the 2009/10 budget".

This resolution was made against a background of regular appeals against decisions to increase fees in order to achieve a cost neutral service in line with the current policy for the taxi licensing service.

In order to plan the review of the fees and charges it is suggested that the way forward is a joint meeting to enable the opportunity for issues to be raised and actions agreed to form the basis of a review of the taxi licensing service which will be brought back to this Committee for decision.

Suggested dates and times will be available at the Committee meeting .

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