

Report to the Licensing Committee

Date of meeting: 26 April 2017

Portfolio: Safer Greener Transport



Subject: Update on Safeguarding measures for the Licensed Public Hire Trade

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Recommendations:

- 1. That Members consider and endorse the measures proposed by officers to introduce safeguarding training for the licensed public hire trade.**
- 2. That the training be made compulsory for all licensed drivers and operators.**

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1. At the last meeting of the committee, Members asked officers to look at what safeguarding measures could be introduced to public hire licensing. In response, the following approach is proposed:

For all existing licensed drivers and operators a half day course be provided (free of charge) at the Civic Offices to be presented by the Council's Safeguarding Team. This training will define safeguarding in the modern context and will provide information about the warning signs concerning Child Sexual Exploitation, and Modern Slavery. The emphasis will be on the role public hire drivers can play in the detection and prevention of these crimes.

2. This short course will be presented to groups of around fifty drivers and operators at a time over a number of weeks. Following the initial round of training, officers will schedule a course every few months to "mop up" new drivers.

3. If Members are agreeable attendance will be made a requirement of the licence and any driver not attending a course will have their licence suspended and be brought before a sub-committee.