

LICENSING COMMITTEE (NON LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS) ADDENDUM

3.00PM, THURSDAY, 24 JUNE 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

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Subject: Deputation – Current State of the Licensed Taxi Trade in Brighton and Hove

Date of Meeting: 24 June 2021

Report of: Executive Lead for Strategy, Governance & Law

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 Under the Council's Procedural Rules a Deputation may be presented to an appropriate Committee meeting for consideration.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Committee either

(a) Notes the deputation; or

(b) Notes the deputation and calls for an officer report on the issues raised by the deputation.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

3.1 A copy of the deputation is attached to the report as appendix 1.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

4.1 The Procedural Rules states that 'the lead spokesperson will receive written confirmation of the response given to the deputation and that the signatories to the deputation will be invited to attend the meeting and will be permitted 5 minutes speaking time in total.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Deputation and supporting information.

Brighton & Hove City Council

Deputation Request – Licensing Committee June 24 2021

Purpose of Deputation

To address Licensing Committee Councils on the current state of the trade with non-Brighton & Hove licensed vehicle predominantly working in the city.

Andrew Peters - Brighton & Hove Taxi Trade Association

I shall be including the following points:

The main purpose of the Deputation is to ensure that all licensing committee members are fully aware of the total loss of licensing control for the protection of the public using taxis/private hire vehicles in the city. Including giving the public a false sense of security where locally licensed vehicles have cctv and out of town cars do not.

TfL registered vehicles predominantly working here under no known Operator.

Cars with expired TfL licences working here under no known Operator.

Requesting a full and thorough investigation by Licensing to compile a report of what vehicles are predominantly working in the city.

Lack of support for the local licensed trade to restrict bus lanes to those drivers and proprietors that pay the council licence fees and abide by local conditions of licensing. We were told by Traffic Management that this is possible but as yet nothing has been take forward.

Supported by Registered Trade Reps (verified with Democratic Services)

June 15 2021

