LICENSING COMMITTEE (NON-LICENSING ACT 2003 FUNCTIONS)

Agenda Item 5

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Public Question: Licensed Taxi Trade Availability of

Wheelchair Accessable Vehicles (WAVs)

Date of Meeting: 24 June 2010

Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance

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Key Decision: No

Wards Affected:

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 To receive the following question to be presented by Ms Geraldine Des Moulins, Brighton and Hove Federation of Disabled People directly to the Licensing Committee (Non-Licensing Act 2003 Functions) Meeting.

"The Brighton and Hove Federation of Disabled People warmly welcomes the recommendations of the Equalities Review and would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair of Licensing for her support and would particularly like to mention Judy Redford for her extremely thorough and far reaching review.

On reading the report it would appear it hasn't addressed the percentage of WAV's currently available because it was viewed the commencement of the Equalities Act in October would be the mechanism to address this issue. We have now heard that the commencement has been delayed, in view of this we would ask the Committee what they intend to do now to address the inadequate number of WAVs in Brighton and Hove."