

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2021

REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 APRIL 2021

DRAFT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY 2021-2026

Issue for Decision

At the 15 April 2021 meeting of the Licensing Committee, the Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2021-2026 was considered. A section of the policy related to the introduction of Carbon Neutral Vehicles, in accordance with the Biodiversity and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

The Committee expressed a wish to be consulted on matters that fall under the remit of the Committee, in relation to biodiversity and climate change.

Recommendation Made

That the Committee consider the request from the Licensing Committee to consult the Licensing Committee on any Biodiversity and Climate Change matter that falls within the remit of that Committee.

Reasons for Recommendation

An extract from Minute 99 is shown below:

'Several Members expressed support for delaying the implementation date of 2023 for carbon neutral vehicles, in part due to the impact of Covid-19 and to prevent greater barriers of entry to the trade. It was felt that the Committee should have been consulted on the sections of the Biodiversity and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, that was agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee, that fell under the Committee's remit.'

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended.

None.

Background Papers

[Minutes Template \(maidstone.gov.uk\)](https://www.maidstone.gov.uk) – Minutes of the Licensing Committee Meeting held on 15 April 2021.

Appendices

None.