

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: 2 NOVEMBER 2021
title: TAXI ENFORCEMENT OPERATION
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee of the results of an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives }
- Corporate Priorities } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed Council
- Other Considerations }

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 On 6 September 2021, the Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer carried out an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles, in a joint operation with the Police, and Vehicle and Operator Services Agency.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer inspected eight vehicles. Six were found to be of the required standard. Two vehicles were not of the required standard. The drivers of both vehicles were served with delayed prohibition notices requiring work to be carried out on their vehicles within 7 days. The notices related to worn brake pads and worn ball joints. The Council's Taxi Enforcement Officer has monitored whether this work has been carried out. He has confirmed that the works have been carried out and both vehicles have been issued with new MOT certificates.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – No implications identified.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Improved control of licence holders should improve public safety.
- Political - No implications identified.
- Reputation – Improved public safety will enhance the Council's reputation.
- Equality and Diversity – No implications identified.

5 **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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