

Report to: Income Management Sub-Committee, 1st February 2023

Report of: Corporate Director – Operations, Homes and Communities

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE 12TH DECEMBER 2022 – PROPOSAL TO APPLY A FEES AND CHARGES EXEMPTION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE ELECTRIC VEHICLES

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Sub-Committee approves the introduction of a Fee and Charge Exemption for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Electric Vehicles for the period 2023/24 – 2025/26.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 12th December 2022, the Licensing and Environmental Health Committee approved a proposal to incentivise the transition to electric hackney carriages and private hire vehicles through a fee and charge exemption for the period 2023/24-2025/26.
- 2.2 The financial impact of the scheme as identified in the original report is the loss of up to £37,000 in licence fee income over the three-year period. As a one-off cost it is proposed that this is taken from the Taxi Reserve which currently contains £56,496. This proposal will be considered by the Environment Committee at their meeting on 24th January 2023.
- 2.3 To implement such a change, the Council was required to undertake a 28-day consultation process in respect of the proposals, as required by Section 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
- 2.4 Authority has been delegated through the original report to the Corporate Director of Operations, Homes & Communities in consultation with The Chair and Vice-Chair of Licensing and Environmental Health Committee, to incorporate the fees & charges proposal into the 2023/24 Draft Licensing & Environmental Health Fees and Charges for consideration, subject to the review of consultation feedback.

3. Information

- 3.1 The full report to the Licensing and Environmental Health Committee is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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