

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 9

meeting date: 1 NOVEMBER 2016
 title: ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAXI ENFORCEMENT OPERATION
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform Committee about the arrangements made for future taxi enforcement operations.

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 Committee will recall that at the Taxi meeting in held on 13 September 2016, a request was made by licence holders for joint enforcement operations to be carried out by the Council, the Local Constabulary and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency ("VOSA"). Inspector Goodall who was present at the meeting agreed to this proposal but made clear to licence holders that the operation would apply to all and any licence holders stopped in any operation. This was accepted by the licence holders present at the meeting.

2.2 The Council's Solicitor and Taxi Enforcement Officer have subsequently met with the local constabulary and have agreed that a programme of enforcement operations will be put in place to cover a range of issues.

2.3 It was also agreed that a press release would be published prior to the operations taking place to inform the public and licence holders that operations are to take place but not identifying when or where.

3 ISSUES

3.1 It is intended that the operations will begin prior to the busy Christmas period. A further report will be submitted to Committee in due course detailing the results of the operations and any action taken as a result. This information will also be included in future press releases so that the public are aware of the action which the Council is taking to ensure their safety and so licence holders are aware of the action taken as a result of their request.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – Resources will be required to: liaise with outside bodies; carry out the operations; take any action necessary as a result; and report further to Committee, the public and licence holders.
- 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 & Diversity – no implication identified

5. **CONCLUSION**

5.1 Note the contents of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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