

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

---

Agenda Item No. 12

meeting date: 18 SEPTEMBER 2018  
 title: TAXI ENFORCEMENT OPERATION  
 submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
 principal author: MAIR HILL

### 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 3 August 2018, 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 12 vehicles. 8 were found to be of the required standard. Four vehicles were not of the required standard. The drivers of 3 of those vehicles were served with delayed prohibition notices requiring work to be carried out on their vehicles within 7 days. The notices related to a tyre incorrectly fitted, a rear sill badly corroded, worn brake pads and wishbone bushes which were badly worn. 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 all three vehicles have been issued with new MOT certificates. The remaining vehicle was found to have a rear seat belt with a loose mounting bolt. This vehicle was issued with a prohibition notice and was taken off the road with immediate effect. The issue has now been rectified.

3.2 The Council has issued a press release notifying the public of the results of the operation.

### 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 & Diversity – No implications identified.

5. **CONCLUSION**

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

MAIR HILL  
SOLICITOR

MARSHAL SCOTT  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Mair Hill, extension 3216

REF: MJH/Licensing Committee/18 September 2018