

REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE

NOTICE AND AGENDA

For a meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2025 at 7.30 pm at Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth.

Members of the Regulatory Services Committee:-

Councillors:

Harry Davies (Chair)
Stephen Cox
Andrea Fraser
Debbie Morris
Ciaran Reed

Raj Khiroya (Vice-Chair)
Narinder Sian
Andrew Scarth
Anne Winter

*Joanne Wagstaffe, Chief Executive
Tuesday, 25 November 2025*

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the Regulatory Services Committee, held on 11 June 2025, and for them to be signed by the Chair.

3. NOTICE OF URGENT BUSINESS

Items of other business notified under Council Procedure Rule 30 to be announced, together with the special circumstances that justify their consideration as a matter of urgency. The Chair to rule on the admission of such items.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2022 (Pages 11 - 258)

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2022 ("the Policy") has been reviewed by officers as scheduled (non-statutory requirement).

In June 2025 officers presented the draft changes of the

Policy to the Regulatory Service Committee (“the Committee”) and requested their support to commence a public consultation which was agreed.

A public consultation on the draft policy was undertaken from 1 August until 26 September. Officers also organised an event at Three Rivers House for all licenced operators on 12 September whereby views on the draft policy were discussed.

The public consultation received 9 representations in total.

In summarising the responses, the majority agreed to the draft changes to the emission and age standards of licenced vehicles, although concerns were raised regarding the cost implications of tightening standards further. Other responses received agreed about the use of saloon vehicles as Hackney Carriages and the introduction of an initial cap of three vehicles. A more detailed summary of the responses received can be found at Appendix 4.

Following the consultation, officers are seeking a change to the renewal age of vehicles which can be licenced by the authority, from no more than 12 years to no more than 15 years for vehicles which are purpose-built or fully wheelchair accessible vehicles (whether Hackney Carriage or private hire). Additionally, officers consider it reasonable to push back the date the Euro 6 emission standard is applied to new vehicle licences to September 2026, rather than April 2026.

Officers are now seeking agreement to the changes to the Policy, found at Appendix 3.

Recommendation

That members of the Committee:

- Agree the revised Policy found at Appendix 3 and recommend that Full Council adopt the revised Policy (Option 1); or,
- Agree to make minor revisions to the revised Policy and recommend that Full Council adopt the revised Policy (Option 2)

That public access to the report be immediate.

6. Work programme

(Pages 259 - 260)

To note the Committee’s work programme.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - if approved under item 3 above

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

If the Committee wishes to consider the remaining item in private, it will be appropriate for a resolution to be passed in the following terms:-

“that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

(Note: If other confidential business is approved under item 3, it will also be necessary to specify the class of exempt or confidential information in the additional items.)

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