

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 7 June 2022

PRESENT: Councillor K Dodds (Chair)

Councillor(s): W Dick, M Ord, D Bradford, H Kelly,
S Gallagher, L Kirton, D Robson, I Patterson and P Burns

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): D Duggan, B Goldsworthy, R Mullen, J Gibson
and D Weatherley

RC313 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.

RC314 CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED – That the Constitution of the Committee be noted.

RC315 TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (DISABLED PERSONS) ACT 2022

The Committee received an update giving Local Authorities advance notice of changes coming into force on 28 June 2022.

The Committee were advised that on 28 June 2022 the Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Disabled Persons) Act 2022 (“The 2022 Act”) will take effect in England, Scotland and Wales. It will amend the Equality Act 2010 to introduce new, and amend existing, duties for local authorities and taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) drivers and operators alike. The 2022 Act aims to ensure that disabled people can use taxi and PHV services with confidence that they will not be discriminated against and local authorities have an important role to play in ensuring the requirements are implemented effectively.

A revised version of the 2017 guidance “Access for Wheelchair Users to Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles” will be published for licensing authorities. This will set out advice and recommendations on implementing the duties under the taxi and PHV section of the Equality Act.

RESOLVED – That the information be noted

RC316 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining business in accordance with

**RC317 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING ISSUES
(PARAGRAPH 7)**

- RESOLVED -
- i) That the information be noted
 - ii) That application RC/04/22 be refused.

**RC318 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING ISSUES
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- RESOLVED -
- i) That the information be noted
 - ii) That application RC/05/22 be granted

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