



AGENDA ITEM: 6

Report for:	Licensing and Health & Safety Enforcement Committee
Date of meeting:	21 July 2020
PART:	I
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Taxi and Private Hire Advice (Coronavirus)
Contact:	Nathan March - Licensing Team Leader
Purpose of report:	To introduce draft guidance for the taxi and private hire trade in regards to returning to work following the easing of restriction related to the spread of coronavirus
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree the guidance with or without modification so that it can be confirmed to the drivers, vehicle owners and operators as the Council's advice. 2. To delegate to officers changes to the guidance if this needs to be amended/updated
Corporate objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A clean, safe and enjoyable environment • Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery • Building strong and vibrant communities • Ensuring economic growth and prosperity
Implications:	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Value for Money / Community Impact / Risk / Health And Safety Implications</u></p> <p>None identified</p>
Consultees:	This guidance is being produced as a result of requests from the trade for such. Information has been gathered from other Licensing

	authorities and Government advice in order to understand suitable guidance to give to our trade.
Background papers:	
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. As the Government continues to relax the restrictions that it put in place to protect the country from the spread of Corvid-19, the taxi trade is gradually returning to more normal working patterns.
- 1.2. The Council has had a lot of enquiries from the trade, in regards to various potential approaches they may be able to take to minimise the risk of becoming infected, or passing on the virus to customers whilst working.
- 1.3. The Guidance attached has been produced following research into what other authorities are doing, reviewing Government guidance, training being received, and listening to the trade's concerns

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1. The guidance seeks to advise the trade as to what they should consider when returning to work, and covers the key issues that are being raised by the trade regularly.
- 2.2. The guidance will assist the trade in being confident about what they can do with the support of the Council, such as the addition of screens, and refusal of passengers who do not wear masks (unless exempt), and also ensures they understand their responsibilities such as maintaining a regular cleaning regime to help prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus.
- 2.3. The guidance on things like face coverings is constantly developing so this guidance is accurate at the time of this report, but is likely to need to be amended more frequently than other guidance provided to the trade.
- 2.4. The trade are not being required to adopt any new approaches to their work; the information in the document is guidance for those who wish to do so, and seeks to ensure that if they do wish to install partitions for example, they do so using a standard that will not affect other safety measures already in place to protect drivers and passengers in the event of an accident or similar event.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. As detailed at the start of the Report.