Extract of draft notes of Informal Meeting of the Place and Resources Overview Committee on 19 October 2021

Taxi Licensing Policy

The committee received and considered a report of the Service Manager for Licensing and Community Safety Operations which set out the draft Taxi Licensing Policy for Dorset Council. The draft policy had been considered by the Licensing Committee and published in draft format for a period of public consultation. The Place and Resources Overview Committee was invited to consider the draft policy and provide any comments to the Licensing Committee to be held on 17 November 2021.

Councillors considered the draft policy and comments were made in the following areas:

- Welcoming of zoning measures in place in Weymouth
- Issues around advertising there was support for further work to be undertaken in respect of advertising on taxis
- Clarification of DBS requirements
- It was noted that when fees and charges were set, there would be a concession for fully electric vehicles
- There was a request for further work to be undertaken in respect of the requirement for and use of dash cameras on taxis – this could be considered by the Licensing Committee
- Options for the provision of and content of receipts was to be reviewed
- A link to an online facility for recording lost property could be included on the relevant Dorset Council web page.

Having reviewed the draft Taxi Licensing Policy, the Place and Resources Overview Committee provided the comments as set out above to the Licensing Committee.

The Executive Director of Place confirmed that the points raised would be taken forward to the Licensing Committee.