

B1 What is the Decision?	To approve the introduction of a formal Taxi Safeguarding Training for existing and new applicants who wish to obtain a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence. Also to extend the training to applicants for a Private Hire Operators Licence. Course provider identified – Blue Lamp Trust.
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2 What are the reasons for the Decision?

The Licensing Team take applications for those persons wishing to obtain a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence and Private Hire Operators.

As part of the application process and renewal process applicants are required to undertake Safeguarding training. This has also been further highlighted in the Department for Transport “Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards” guidance dated July 2020. This also assists in providing for an acceptable level of customer care.

Previously ESBC Officers have delivered the training classroom style, however due to the current pandemic this has now become untenable.

Following research into how as an authority we can deliver the training Blue Lamp Trust has provided a suitable product.

The Blue Lamp Trust provide Safeguarding Training via a virtual portal whereby applicants can book a test and attend the virtual training. Each applicant is asked to provide evidence of their identification. A certificate is provided and a list of those completing the training passed to the Licensing Team.

The cost of the training is £25 per person / individual. Cheaper versions are available, however research shows that these are not virtual and do not make any identification checks on the candidate.

This is the current list of local authorities around the UK that use Blue Lamp Trust us for Taxi Safeguarding Training (virtual course);

- Southampton
- Epping
- Castlepoint
- Eastleigh
- Winchester
- Havant
- East Hants
- West Berks
- Wokingham

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bracknell • N E Derbyshire • Bolsover • Basingstoke • Hart • Rushmoor • Shropshire • Windsor & Maidenhead • Huntingdonshire • Wakefield • Erewash • Blaby • Hyndburn • Tonbridge & Malling <p>Adoption of the training will give drivers consistency in terms of knowledge, quality and service.</p> <p>It is intended to ensure all 675 drivers/operators have completed the training within the next year and that all new drivers attain a certificate within 6 months of application. The training must be undertaken every three years.</p> <p>It is also proposed that the authority accepts Safeguarding certificates from Staffordshire County Council Training. The certificates must be no more than one year old.</p>
B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?	Value for Money Council
B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?	There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.

Financial Implications

B5 What are the financial implications?	<p>There are no financial issues arising from this decision.</p> <p>Future applicants / existing licence holders will deal directly with the training provider.</p>
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Revenue	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23

Capital	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23

The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:

Please print name: Anya Murray

Please sign name: [Approval by email](#)
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	Yes
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	NA

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications: NA
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
B8.2 Negative (Threats):
B8.3 The subject of this decision is [not] a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is [[not required/attached as Appendix []].
B8.4 [The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out:]

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): The company we will utilise are an established company who provide a similar service for other local authorities.
B9.2 Negative (Threats):
B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:
B10.1 There are no significant legal issues arising from this decision.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: Angela Wakefield
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Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications: NA
B11.1 The proposal [would/would not] result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures). The positive/negative impacts are set out below (please refer to guidance notes).
B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
B11.3 Negative (Threats):

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications: NA
B12.1 [A Risk Assessment has been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks.] [A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.]
B12.2 [The significant hazards and risks have been identified in the Safety Media Risk Assessment numbered []. Any financial implications to mitigate against these hazards and risks are considered above.]
B12.3 [Control measures and an action plan have been identified for any significant hazards and risks identified in the risk assessment. The positive/negative impacts are set out below]
B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits)
B12.3.2 Negative (Threats)

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? No (*please delete as appropriate*)

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	Yes/No/NA (<i>please delete as appropriate</i>)
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	Yes/No/NA (<i>please delete as appropriate</i>)

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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