

## **HDC Equality Analysis Statement**

### **Revised Taxi Policy**

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This is a policy review in relation to the Council's Taxi policy. The policy is delivered by the Licensing Team within Regulatory Services.

The policy aim, is to regulate the hackney carriage and private hire trade through the following objectives:-

- The protection of public safety;
- The establishment of a professional and respected hackney carriage and private hire trade;
- Access to an efficient and effective public transport service;
- The protection of the environment.
- To encourage high standards of service and competence in the hackney carriage and private hire trade.

As this policy is aimed at the taxi trade business there is no evidence to suggest that it will have a disproportionately negative impact on any of the protected equality groups so a full Equality Analysis has not been completed.

There may, however be circumstances where, due to a protected characteristic of a business owner, a business is affected due to the fallout of national events such as the negative impacts experienced by Muslim businesses, people and buildings following recent terror events. These unique circumstances will be considered sensitively on an individual basis with the protected characteristic taken into account.

The policy will be reviewed as required or within the next two years.