

TO: REGULATORY COMMITTEE –16 DECEMBER 2004

**SUBJECT: DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING FOR TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE
LICENCE APPLICANTS**

FROM: MEMBERS' SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To agree to defer the introduction of disability awareness training for applicants for taxi and private hire drivers licenses.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In September 2004, the Committee agreed to introduce disability awareness training for applicants for hackney carriage and private hire drivers licences with effect from the 3 January 2005.
- 2.2 The introduction of this initiative was organised by the Licensing Enforcement Officer, Mr Day.
- 2.3 Mr Day has now handed in his notice and will finish in his present post on the 17 December 2004.
- 2.4 The post has been advertised and it is hoped to fill it as soon as possible. However, until the post is filled and the new appointee has gained the necessary experience, the work of the post will have to be carried out by other members of the section. This will mean there will not be capacity to deal with any new initiatives.
- 2.5 It is suggested therefore, that the disability awareness training for new applicants be deferred until April 2005.

3. DECISION REQUIRED

- 3.1 Members are asked to agree to the deferment of the introduction of the disability awareness training for new applicants for hackney carriage and private hire drivers licences as agreed at the meeting held on the 28 September 2004, until the 4 April 2005.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

Areas of the District Affected:	All
Key Decision:	No
Included in Forward Plan:	N/A

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