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1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 Officers received communications from Cabcast who wish to fit CCTV in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles at no cost to the owners. This will be paid for by advertising at the rear of the headrests in the vehicles.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That members permit the use of advertising within licensed vehicles, subject to any conditions that members feel appropriate.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Officers have spoken to the director of Cabcast by telephone regarding the content and nature of the advertising that is used and have been assured that the council would have the final say in the content.
- 3.2 The advertising would be mounted onto the company's website before being used to enable a decision to be made as to the suitability of the content. It is proposed that the Licensing Services Manger vets the content before it goes live.
- 3.2 In exchange for the fitting of the screens, Cabcast will install CCTV in the vehicle. All of this will be at no cost to the driver.
- 3.3 The CCTV system will enhance the safety of the drivers as they are less likely to be attacked or robbed if the passenger is aware of the existence of the CCTV cameras. It will be of use to the drivers only, unless they wish it to be produced as evidence themselves and it will not be routinely inspected by officers.
- 3.4 Pictures of head restraints with the advertising are attached as appendix 1.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

4.1 No alternatives may be considered.

5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

5.1 This report has no budgetary considerations for the Council.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

6.1 None

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 None.