
Appendix 7: Implications

Local Government Reorganisation (Does the decision impact upon a future Unitary Council?)

The decisions do impact on Local Government Reorganisation. There is a statutory requirement to have the Licensing and Gambling Policies agreed prior to Vesting Day.

It would be best practice to have a Taxi Policy in place, but not essential. The issues of Zoning and Regulating the number of Taxis are likely to be contentious with certain parts of the industry.

Finance

The key finance issues are;

- a) if a legal challenge were to be mounted;
- b) having appropriate staff resources available to do effective night time and weekend monitoring.

Staffing

Arrangements are currently being put in place to deal with the required consultation arrangements for putting the Policies in place.

If a Taxi Policy is not adopted and the 7 Taxi zones exist post Vesting day enforcement will be more difficult for staff who will be monitoring different sets of terms and conditions across the Authority.

Night time and weekend enforcement would prove difficult with available resources.

Equality and Diversity

A full Equality, Diversity and Social Cohesion Assessment will need to be carried out before any Policy is adopted.

Accommodation

No issues.

Crime and disorder

The Draft Gambling, Licensing and Taxi Policies deal with the Crime and Disorder issues.

Sustainability

The draft Taxi Policy sets higher standards for emissions, so there would be a positive sustainability benefit in agreeing a Taxi Policy. De-zoning would not have any significant, long term sustainability issues.

Human rights

Highlighted within the report.

Localities and Rurality

The potential impact on the rural communities would need to be considered when setting Taxi Tariffs.

Young people

No specific issues to highlight, other than those contained in the report.

Consultation

The Licensing, Gambling and Taxi Policies would be subject to an extensive consultation exercise with Stakeholders.

Health

The health related issues are highlighted in the Policies.