

## **Appendix E**

### **Scrutiny Feedback**

The Taxi Licencing Policy was considered at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on the 15 March 2022.

The Board were provided with all documents related to the proposed policy including details and output of the extensive consultation which had been undertaken.

Following a discussion which included topics such as –

- Card payment readers;
- Safeguarding;
- Taxi Livery;
- Removal of badge limits;
- transition to low emission vehicles;
- timing of the interim review.

It was moved and agreed that–

1. the Board broadly endorsed the Taxi Licensing Policy;
2. wheelchair exemption signs should be clearly displayed on vehicles.
3. in order to support the taxi trade in the transition, the Climate Emergency Action Plan should be reviewed in light of the new Taxi Licensing Policy. The Cabinet Member for Environment & Street Scene should investigate whether a financing scheme to assist drivers who wish to make the change to electric vehicles could be developed and the how the necessary infrastructure (siting, speed and prioritisation of recharge facilities) to support taxi trade to decarbonise will be delivered.
4. an interim review of the Taxi Policy to take place in 2.5 years to evaluation the emissions policy;
5. communications campaign should be implemented to encourage new taxi drivers to join the trade.