

Community Involvement Plan

Consultation

Amendments to Taxi Licensing Policy – addition of revised convictions policy

Who is to be involved?

The public consultation is open to all who are interested. A number of groups will be directly informed and asked for their view. These are:

- The Members of the Council*
- The hackney carriage and private hire trade licensed by the Council*
- Parish and Town Councils*
- Sussex Police*
- The Members of Parliament for the District*
- Members of the public via the Council's web site*

Elected District Councillors will be involved throughout the process through:

- The Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning – (any District Councillor not sitting on the committee can attend)
- Full Council (consists of all District Councillors)
- Councillors can respond during the public consultation period.

To be added to our database of groups contact Licensing@midsussex.gov.uk or phone (01444) 477419. All information received will be treated in accordance with Data Protection Legislation.

Why people are being involved?

Mid Sussex District Council introduced a Taxi Licensing Policy on 1st October 2012. This was reviewed and readopted in October 2017.

The Council has reviewed and amended the criminal convictions section of the policy. The full document can be read on this website.

The amendments were reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee Community, Housing and Planning on the 27th June 2018

When will people be involved?

- **Public consultation on amendment – scheduled July and August** (for eight-weeks). There will be a public consultation for eight weeks in between 9th July and 27th August 2018 on the draft document.
- **Amendments after the public consultation – September 2018** . A final draft, taking into account amendments from the consultation, will be presented to the Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning for their approval before final approval by Full Council.
- **Amendment agreed for adoption – scheduled December 2018**. It is anticipated that the amendments to the Taxi Licensing Policy will be presented to Council for adoption in December 2018.

How will people be involved?

The consultation will be open to all and we will seek to inform and receive comment from the widest possible range of the community. We will:

- Provide details and documentation on the Council's website.
- Letters or emails will be sent to all organisations listed in section 1 above¹.

What happens to the results?

The results from this consultation will be considered as part of a report to the Scrutiny Committee for Community, Housing and Planning on 21st November 2018.

This report will be published on the Council website:-

<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/6700.htm>

Who is running the exercise?

Mid Sussex District Council Licensing Team

Contact licensing@midsussex.gov.uk phone (01444) 477419.

¹ An Equalities Impact Assessment of the document is currently being carried out, and should this process identify any further targeted consultation which would be necessary, this would be incorporated into the Community Involvement Plan.