

LICENSING COMMITTEE

26/06/19

SUBJECT AND PURPOSE

Safeguarding Training for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That the committee view the Safeguarding Training Video prepared for taxi drivers.

REASONS:

To ensure that all Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Dual Drivers have received Safeguarding Training.

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| Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted | NA |
| Exec Board Decision Required | NA |
| Council Decision Required | NA |

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Councillor P.M. Hughes

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Since July 2017, the Licensing Section have provided Safeguarding training sessions for our Licensed Taxi Drivers in Carmarthenshire. These training sessions were a joint initiative between this Authority and Dyfed Powys Police.

The training sessions were tailored specifically for taxi drivers so they could learn about safeguarding including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and how they, as taxi drivers can play an important role. This training was to help the taxi drivers recognise potential issues, and give them the confidence and contact details in order to refer it.

To date, we have run a total of 19 Training sessions throughout the County with 474 licensed taxi drivers having attended the training. Facilitating these training sessions required several Officers from the Authority and Police to attend on each occasion.

There are currently 144 Licensed Taxi Drivers in Carmarthenshire who have not attended the safeguarding training sessions and this figure will increase as new applications are received. It is our intention that all taxi drivers licensed by Carmarthenshire County Council will have received Safeguarding Training.

Therefore, a joint initiative was agreed where we would produce a Safeguarding Training Video that could be used for all Taxi Drivers and Passenger assistants in the Dyfed Powys Police Force Area, namely Carmarthenshire County Council, Ceredigion County Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Powys County Council.

The cost of this Training Video was covered by funds raised under POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) by Carmarthenshire County Council.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Mr Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

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| Policy and Crime & Disorder | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Organisational Development | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Mr Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s):

No local member involvement and therefore no consultation necessary.

2. Community / Town Council:

No Community / Town Council involvement and therefore no consultation necessary.

3. Relevant Partners:

No Police and Fire Authority involvement and therefore no consultation necessary.

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations:

There are no other organisations involved and therefore no consultation necessary.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| File Contents. | | Licensing Section, 3 Spilman Street, Carmarthen |
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