

## EAST HERTS COUNCIL

### OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Subject matter:	Delegation of the determination of certain taxi licensing matters to Oliver Rawlings, Service Manager – Licensing and Enforcement
Date of Decision:	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Exempt /Confidential information (Yes / No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Authorising Officer:	<b>Jonathan Geall</b> Head of Housing and Health  <i>Acting under authority delegated within Part 3(c), paragraph 3 of the council's Constitution 'to further delegate in writing all or any of the delegated functions to other officers (described by name or post) either fully or under the general supervision and control of the delegating officers', to delegate that part of my authority held under Part 3(c), paragraph 16.18 'to exercise the council's functions relating to hackney carriage/private hire licensing unless relating to a matter reserved for Licensing Committee or</i>

	<p><i>Licensing Subcommittee</i>’ that will enable Oliver Rawlings, Service Manager – Licensing and Enforcement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acting in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, determine recommendations for the suspension or revocation of a taxi driver’s licence or taxi operator’s licence resulting from the failure to present the necessary documentation to assess whether that person is fit and proper to hold the licence applied for/held until such time as this delegated authority is rescinded</li> </ul>
Decision:	Delegation to Oliver Rawlings, Service Manager – Licensing and Enforcement, acting in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, of the authority to determine recommendations for the suspension or revocation of a taxi driver’s licence or taxi operator’s licence resulting from the failure to present the necessary documentation to assess whether that person is fit and proper to hold the licence applied for/held. That this delegated authority remains in place until it is rescinded
Reason(s) for Decision:	To enable place authority at the most appropriate level within the organisation so as to effect swift

	decision-making
Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected:	<p>Not granting this onward delegation – REJECTED as this would retain this authority at the Head of Housing and Health level which, due to current pressures on time, runs the risk of decisions being unduly delayed.</p> <p>Grant onward authority to another officer – REJECTED as Oliver Rawlings is best placed and best qualified to determine these decisions</p>
Name(s) of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision that is being taken under specific express authorisation:	None