

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Consultation:	<i>Not applicable as the changes are a legal requirement</i>
Legal:	<i>We are the issuing authority for driver, vehicle and operator licences and without the wording being updated it may be considered that we cannot take action under the scheme without the risk of the decision being legally challenged.</i>
Financial:	<i>If the scheme was challenged then there would be cost implications in defending that challenge.</i>
Human Resource:	<i>None identified.</i>
Risk Management:	<i>None identified.</i>
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	<i>The scheme is in place to aid compliance and the updated legislation relates specifically to persons with disabilities who have assistance dogs for which taxis are a key mode of transport. Failure to be able to travel easily can hugely impact on the standard of life for this section of the community.</i>