

# Amendment by the Coalition

## Regulatory Committee

2 November 2020

### Item 7.1 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Contingency Measures: Update Report

Notes the contents of the report which explains the concerns that the licensed Taxi and Private Hire trade have expressed regarding ongoing financial hardship throughout the pandemic as a result of the public health restriction.

Notes that officers, after consultation with the Convenor, Vice Convenor and group spokespersons agreed to an operational change to allow vehicles which were not compliant with the Age & Emissions policy, to present their vehicles for testing to allow them to keep operating until such time as the policy position was reviewed or the applicant's Age & Emissions appeal application could be considered.

Notes that the current Age & Emissions policy requires all vehicles to be less than 10 years old generally when presented for test effective from 1 April 2020 and as a result an additional 270 vehicles had been expected to upgrade over between April 2020 and April 2021.

Notes the Low Emission Zone implementation dates have been extended by a period of 12 months due to the effect of the pandemic and will not take effect until 2023 at the earliest.

Therefore, agrees the recommendations of the report and:

1. additionally agrees that the policy in relation to the age of vehicles be amended such that the requirement for all vehicles to be less than 10 years old generally when presented for test shall now not take effect until 30 Sept 2021 and
2. agrees to extend the requirement that any Taxi or PHC including those from out with the fleet presented for licensing as a Taxi or PHC or as a replacement vehicle for an existing Taxi or PHC licence unless it is a Euro 6, until 30 Sept 2021 and therefore only Euro 5 or above vehicles would be accepted.

**Moved by:** Councillor Catherine Fullerton

**Seconded by:** Councillor