

**EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT,
REGULATORY SERVICES AND SKILLS**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills:-

THURSDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER, 2012

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| Councillor Peel | - Executive Cabinet Member for Environment , Regulatory Services and Skills |
| Councillor R. Allen | - Major Opposition Spokesperson, |
| Councillor Wild | - Major Opposition Spokesperson, Highways and Transport |
| Councillor Radlett | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| Ms. S. Schofield | - Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services |
| Mr. I. D. Mulholland | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

**24. FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR TAXI TESTING,
2013/14 AND 2015/16**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the proposals for a Framework Contract for Taxi Testing 2013/14.

The report explained that it was proposed to establish a Framework Contract for Taxi Testing and the licence applicants

would be liable for all testing costs, which needed to be directed to the garage carrying out the test.

The contract would be for two years with an option for the Council to extend it for up to a further two year period. The Framework would be procured in accordance with Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

The report went onto advise the Executive Cabinet Member of matters concerning Category C Vehicles (accident damaged vehicles) particularly concerning their fitness for use on the road.

The report was also considered at a meeting of the Waste, Recycling and Transport Policy Development Group held on 22nd August, 2012.

**The Executive Cabinet Member for Environment,
Regulatory Services and Skills APPROVED –**

- (i) The procurement of a Framework Contract for Taxi Testing, 2013/14 with an option to extend for a further two years.**
- (ii) The technical evaluation criteria and special requirements in relation to Category C Vehicles as set out in the report.**

**25. LAW COMMISSION CONSULTATION – REFORMING
THE LAW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE SERVICES**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the Council's proposed response to the Law Commission consultation on the reform of the law on taxi and private hire services.

By way of background information, the report explained that in July, 2011 the Law Commission agreed to undertake a law reform project on the law of taxis and private hire vehicles.

The report went on to summarise the full consultation paper which was split into three main sections, an outline of the key

proposed changes, the case for reform and a brief discussion of the main themes and impact and a list of Bolton's provisional proposals and questions.

The report went onto highlight that the Law Commission consultation documents were only provisional so that they could form the basis of a discussion on consultation.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that a response to the consultation had been agreed across the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) with local authorities. The proposed Bolton response was consistent with the responses agreed by AGMA.

Officers had also arranged a consultation meeting with the Bolton Hackney and Private Hire Trade representatives and a summary of responses from the trade was shown at appendix one to the report.

The report was also considered at a meeting of the Waste, Recycling and Transport Policy Development Group held on 22nd August, 2012.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the Council's response to the Law Commission consultation on the reform of the law on taxi and private hire services, as set out in the report.