



**Licensing and
Regulatory Committee**

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**Matter for
Information**

Title: **Change to Private Hire Operator Bookings**

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1 Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise on changes to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 being brought about by the Deregulation Act 2015 which will impact on the way Private Hire Operators accept, and pass on, customer bookings. These changes become effective on 01 October 2015.

2 Recommendations

Members are asked to note the changes to the legislation

3 Information

The Deregulation Act 2015, Section 11, “inserts new sections 55A and 55B into the 1976 Act the effect of which is to allow private hire operators, based outside London, to sub-contract bookings to other operators based in different districts or in London or Scotland; and to make it an offence for such a private hire operator to sub-contract a booking knowing that the operator to whom it is subcontracted would operate a private hire vehicle where either the vehicle or the driver was not licensed under the 1976 Act.”

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Implications	
Equalities	No significant implications.
Financial	No significant implications.
Legal	No significant implications.
Risk	CR6 – Regulatory governance.