

CCTV in Hire Cars**Report by Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

To seek authority to proceed with the introduction of permitting the installation of CCTV in Taxis and Private Hire Cars.

2 Background

- 2.1** On 13 March 2014, at a Meeting of the Hire Car Working Group, the representatives of the Taxi Owners' and Private Hire Car Associations noted and were supportive of the introduction of a policy that will permit the installation of CCTV in Taxis and Private Hire Cars.

A scheme has been introduced in the City of Glasgow, in the terms attached. The scheme is considered viable by the Trade in Midlothian.

3 Report Implications**3.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

3.2 Risk

There are no risk implications arising directly from this report.

3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☐ None of the above

3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

There are implications arising directly from this report.

3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

3.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

3.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The Hire Car Associations were consulted.

3.7 Ensuring Equalities

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

3.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

3.9 IT Issues

There are no implications arising directly from this report.

4 Summary

The introduction of CCTV in Hire Cars is supported by the Trade.

Authority is requested to proceed with the implementation of a Scheme similar to that which has been introduced in Glasgow.

5 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee approve, in principle, the installation of CCTV in Hire Cars and await a report back.

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Background Papers: report of meeting held on 13 March 2014

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