|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| To: | Council |
| Date: | 18th February 2024 |
| Report of: | **Executive Director for Communities and People** |
| Title of Report:  | Licensed Vehicles Emission Standards Amendment  |

|  |
| --- |
| Summary and recommendations |
| Purpose of report: | To agree the General Purposes Licensing Committee decision to delay the introduction of new emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by this Authority by **one year.** |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Committee Chair with responsibility: | Cllr Mundy, Chair of the General Purposes Licensing Committee |
| Corporate Priority | Enable Inclusive Economy, Pursue a Zero Carbon Oxford  |
| Policy Framework | Air Quality Action Plan, Low Emission Strategy, Sustainability Strategy |
| Recommendations: That the Council resolves to: |
| 1. | **Agree** on a delay to the introduction of new emission standards to Hackney Carriage Vehicles licenced by this Authority by **one year**, as agreed by the General Purposes Licensing Committee. |

# Introduction and background

On 5th February 2024 the General Purposes Licensing Committee heard a report to:

1. **Consider** the request made by City of Oxford Licenced Taxicab Association to delay the introduction of ultra-low emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by this Authority;
2. **Consider** the results of a public consultation and statements submitted;
3. **Consider** the contents of this report and options set out in it;
4. **Agree** any amendments to the current emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles licensed by this Authority;
5. **Agree** that any such amendments be recommended to Council for adoption.

A full copy of this report can be found on the Council website at: <https://mycouncil.oxford.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=149&MId=7551>

**Process and Decision**

On 5th February 2024 the General Purposes Licensing Committee agreed to delay the introduction of emission standards for Hackney Carriage Vehicles licenced by this authority by:

Delaying the requirement for all Taxis to be ULEV by **one year** (January 2026)

 \*Recommended by Oxford City Council Environmental Sustainability Officers and City Cllrs for Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford and Climate Justice and Taxi Licensing Portfolio Holder

# Financial implications

None

# Legal issues

None

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Report author** | Joshua Curnow |
| Job title | Supervising Senior Licensing Officer |
| Service area or department | Community Services |
| Telephone  | 01865 252565 |
| e-mail  | jcurnow@oxford.gov.uk  |