

Minutes of the Licensing Committee

27 September 2012

-: Present :-

Councillors Amil, Bent, Brooksbank, Doggett, Faulkner (A), Parrott, Pentney and Stocks

11. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barnby, Butt, Cowell, Ellery and Hytche.

12. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16 August 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

13. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Review

The Committee considered a report which set out the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy referred to as 'the Policy' prior to it going out for a 12 week public consultation.

Approval of the finalised Policy is a Licensing Committee decision and will be presented to the Committee for endorsement in January 2013.

Resolved:

that the Committee approved the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy asked that the following aspirations be considered as part of consultation process:

| Page Number of submitted report | Item Number | Aspiration |
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| 16 | 2.4 | Aspiration that by a set date, 20% of both fleets (private hire and hackney carriages) will be wheel chair accessible and kept under review |
| 19 | 5.12 | Aspiration for all taxi drivers to have obtained the BTEC Level 2 Award in transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire by a set date |

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| 27 | 14.32 | Aspiration that all taxi and hackney carriages in Torbay display corporate Torbay Signage of a consistent design by a set date, in conjunction with Tourism Company | |
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| 28 | 14.36 | Aspiration that a driver may not be permitted to smoke within a two metre radius of the vehicle | |
| Items Committee would like bringing back for clarification | | | |
| Not in Policy | | Clarify legal position on age of children permitted to ride in the front seat of a taxi/hackney carriage | |
| Not in Policy | | Consideration for 'Novelty' vehicle licensing which under the Policy would not be considered to be considered by the Licensing Sub-Committee sympathetically | |