



Minutes of the Licensing Committee

31 January 2013

-: Present :-

Councillor Addis (Chairman)

Councillors Amil, Bent, Brooksbank, Butt, Doggett, Ellery, Hytche, Parrott, Pentney and Stocks

14. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Faulkner (A), Barnby and Cowell.

15. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 27 September 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Members considered a report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy which had been the subject of a 12 week consultation period. Members were informed that a number of Representations had been received and following consideration by Officers, amendments to the Policy had been proposed and were set out in the submitted report.

At the meeting the Committee received oral Representations from Mr Cree, Mr Le Huray and Mr James.

Resolved:

That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be approved, subject to the inclusion of the amendments set out in the submitted report with the exception of:

- i) paragraph A1.6, bullet point 5 – Adhesive door signs. The wording of the existing policy is to remain with minor changes being delegated to the Chairman of the Licensing Committee in consultation with the Council's Senior Lawyer for Litigation & Licensing;
- ii) paragraph A1.7, bullet point 2 being amended to '...new Driver Standard Assessments for new drivers and existing drivers who receive **over 6** points...';

- iii) paragraph A1.9 (paragraph 5.13 of the policy), being amended to 'The Licensing Authority aspires that all drivers are trained to BTEC Level 2 Award in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire Standards **or equivalent qualification which are to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority**'; and
- iv) paragraph A1.11 (paragraph 14.6 of the policy), being amended to 'The Licensing Authority aspires to achieve **5%** wheelchair accessible vehicles by 2018 with regard to both hackney carriage and private hire vehicles'.

17. Decisions taken in relation to Licensing Act 2003 applications under delegated powers

Members noted the report which set out the decisions made under delegated powers by the Executive Head of Community Safety in relation to Licensing Act 2003 applications.

18. Decisions taken in relation to Gambling Act 2005 applications under delegated powers

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Chairman