

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD: 24 JUNE 2014
Start: 7.30pm
Finish: 7.55pm

PRESENT: Councillor Griffiths (Chairman)

Councillors: Delaney Oliver
Devine Owen
Kay Wright
Mee Westley

Officers: Commercial, Safety and Licensing Manager (Mr P Charlson)
Assistant Solicitor (Mrs J Williams)
Senior Licensing Officer (Mrs M Murray)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

In attendance: Representatives of the Hackney Carriage Trade

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed the new Members of the Committee.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Mrs. C. Evans.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Ms Melling and the appointment of Councillor Westley for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

4. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

5. DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a Party Whip.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

7. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

There were no minutes to receive.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 1 April 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9. REMOVAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE CONDITION

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as circulated and contained on pages 7 -12 of the Book of Reports which sought removal of a condition relating to a vehicle replacement from relevant Hackney Carriage Licences.

He reported that the implementation of relevant legislation over several years had led to the current disparity between the conditions stated on Hackney Carriage licences in respect of when and how such vehicles could be replaced. This situation had caused concern within the Hackney Carriage Trade as it had effectively created three groups of licences, each with differing requirements for vehicle replacement.

Representatives of the Hackney Carriage Trade were present at the meeting representing one of the three groups of Hackney Carriage Licences.

RESOLVED That this item be deferred in order to allow officers to undertake a robust consultation with all Hackney Carriage Drivers and that the findings of the consultation be reported to a future meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee.

10. STREET TRADING CONSENT - AMENDED FEE STRUCTURE AND GUIDANCE

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Director Community Services as circulated and contained on pages 13 - 42 of the Book of Reports which outlined proposed amendments to the fee structure and associated guidance and standard conditions for Street Trading Consents issued in the Borough.

- RESOLVED A. That the Street Trading Consent fee structure detailed in Table 2 in this report be approved for use with immediate effect.
- B. That the Street Trading Consent guidance and standard conditions attached at Appendix B to this report be approved for use with immediate effect.

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CHAIRMAN