

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 2 April 2024

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.35 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: N Hennessy (Chairman)
T Devine (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: I Eccles
J Gordon
J Howard
S Lawton
S Patel
Mrs M Westley

T Aldridge
N Furey
P Hesketh
K Jukes
K Lloyd
Marsh-Pritchard

Officers: Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services
Michaela Murray, Senior Licensing Officer
Andrew Smith, Legal Assistant
Chloe McNally, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

4 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of Party Whip.

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6 MINUTES OF SUB - COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS

There were no minutes to receive.

7 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 February 2024, be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY 2022 V2

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place & Community as contained on pages 253-438 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval on the amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022 v2.

In debating this matter, Members asked that, in consultation with the Chairman, Officers write a letter to the relevant NHS partner organisation to express their concern about the difficulties faced by both new applicants and licensed drivers in scheduling Group 2 Medical examinations at surgeries across West Lancashire and the surrounding areas. The Committee would welcome any commitment to improve the availability of such medical examination appointments, as they felt the lack of such availability could have a negative effect on the safety of the public, as well as impacting on the livelihoods of applicants.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That proposed changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022 v2. are approved.
 - B. That, in consultation with the Chairman, a letter be sent to the relevant NHS partner organisation to express the Committee's concern, resulting in the amendment detailed in point 3.3 of the report, in relation to 3.2 a) Medical Examinations.

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Chairman