

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 26 July 2022

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 8.05 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Johnson (Chairman)
J Mee (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: D Owen T Aldridge
I Eccles N Furey
J Gordon L Gresty
J Monaghan M Nixon
P O'Neill

Officers: Paul Charlson, Head of Planning & Regulatory Services
Kay Lovelady, Legal & Democratic Services Manager
Kirsty Breakell, Democratic Services Officer
Andrew Smith, Legal Assistant/Acting Licensing Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of membership of Councillor Patel and the appointment of Councillor D Owen for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

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 8 June 2022, be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8 APPROVAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY 2022

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Place and Community contained on pages 13-218 of the Book of Reports which sought approval of the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, following public consultation and revised Department for Transport Guidance.

The Head of Planning & Regulatory Services outlined the report and the purpose of the proposed amendments to the Members of the Committee.

Comments and questions were raised as follows:

- Costs involved in installing CCTV equipment into Licensed Taxis.
- GDPR Implications
- Controlling the Data to comply with GDPR and the costs involved.
- Online training to continue for Licensed Drivers regarding safeguarding

RESOLVED:

- A. That having regard to the matters contained in the report and the responses to the public consultation, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2022, attached at Appendix 2 to the report, be approved for use with effect from 1 October 2022.
- B. The Policy to be amended to reflect that the Committee reviewed and consulted on the CCTV proposal and the same will be kept under review.

9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 2 (Identity of an individual) and Paragraph 7 (Criminal Matters) part 1 of Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

10 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000273770

Members were asked to consider an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence, reference number WK/000273770, having regard to offences recorded against the Driver.

It was noted that the Applicant's DBS certificate was not available in time for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence, reference number WK/000273770 be deferred for 1 meeting.

11 APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - WK/000273128

Members were asked to consider an application for a Private Hire Driver Licence,

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reference number WK/000273128, having regard to offences recorded against the Driver.

RESOLVED: That the Application for a Private Hire Driver Licence, reference number WK/000273128 be REFUSED.

(Note: The Officers from Place & Community Services left the meeting whilst Members considered their decision)

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Chairman