

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 27 October 2008, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

395	Minutes
396	Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee
397	Introduction of DVLA Checks

Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs D Davies, J Deans (*for Mrs K McSherry*), Mrs J Dyson, Mrs S Duckett, C Pearson, Mrs S Ryder, Mrs A Spetch and Mrs D White.

Officials: Senior Solicitor, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Committee Administrator

Public: 0

Press: 0

In Attendance: Mr M Routlege – Minute No: 397

393 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors J McCartney and Mrs K McSherry.

Substitute Councillor was Councillor J Deans (*for Mrs K McSherry*).

394 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

395 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 29 September 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee

The Chair gave no address to this meeting.

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Introduction of DVLA Checks

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Enforcement Officer and were also provided with a power point presentation by Intelligent Data Systems (UK) Limited (IDS) which gave councillors the latest and most complete driving licence history in relation to those applying for the grant or renewal of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licences.

All applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's licences are required to undergo a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check, which provides a disclosure of any criminal history. However, CRB checks do not include either penalty points or traffic related convictions and the only means available to the Council to confirm these details is through a check with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The safety of the travelling public is paramount when considering such applications and therefore the Licensing Section consider that it is important to check applicants prior to the issue of a particular licence.

The system before Committee today would enable the Council to check not only new applicants but those individuals renewing their licences to prevent any passengers being put at risk.

The administration of all DVLA checks would be outsourced to IDS at a cost of £8.25, which would be passed on to the drivers and embedded within the yearly licence fee.

After raising various questions and concerns councillors gave full consideration to the facts presented and were unanimously agreed the that implementation of DVLA checks be approved.

Resolved: That

- (i) the introduction of a check of all driver's licences, with effect from 27 October 2008 be approved;**
- (ii) the cost of the check be added to the yearly licence fee;**
- (iii) the Licensing policy be amended to require all new and existing hackney carriage and private hire drivers to consent to DVLA checks in order to operate on behalf of Selby District Council.**

The meeting closed at 11:05 am.

Licensing Committee
27 October 2008