

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 11 January 2010, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10:00 am.

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Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs D Davies, Mrs S Duckett, K Ellis, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs S Ryder and Mrs D White

Officials: Senior Solicitor, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

Public: 0

Press: 0

491 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Dyson and J McCartney.

492 **Disclosure of Interest**

None.

493 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 23 November and 7 December 2009 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 informed the Committee that arrangements were being made for further training to be provided on licensing matters.

She reminded councillors of the need to appoint a substitute in the event that they were unable to attend meetings.

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Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Review of Legislation

Councillors considered a report by the Licensing Officer concerning a consultation exercise instigated by the Institute of Licensing to establish the effectiveness of existing legislation affecting Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

In view of the age of the legislation there were wide differences in standards across the country, which could place drivers, passengers and the public at risk.

The consultation sought the views of the public as well as those involved in the taxi industry.

Resolved:

That the Licensing Officer acting in consultation with the Chair of the Committee be authorised to respond to the consultation document

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Procedure

Councillors considered the procedure to be followed when dealing with the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

Resolved

That the Procedure be noted.

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Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Section 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Licensing Officer for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Ford Focus, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer outlined the details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application.

Councillors considered the application against the Council's guidelines on hardship and resolved to grant a licence for a vehicle, which was not fully accessible to the disabled. They also advised the applicant that, in view of his medical condition, to consider applying for an exemption certificate

Resolved: That

- (i) the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence for a vehicle not accessible to the disabled be granted on the grounds of financial hardship and**
- (ii) the applicant be advised to apply for an exemption certificate.**

The meeting closed at 10:31 am.