

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	3 September 2012
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), K Ellis (Vice Chair), Mrs P Mackay, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart (substitute for Mrs C Mackman), Mrs A Spetch (substitute for Mrs S Ryder), Sweeting and Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Mackman (substitute Mr D Peart) and Mrs S Ryder (substitute Mrs A Spetch)
Officers Present:	Kelly Hamblin - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Committee receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on the 14 May 2012 and the Licensing Hearing on the 10 August 2012 and that they be signed by the Chair.

3. PROCEDURE

The Procedure was noted.

4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair addressed the Committee and explained that the issues raised at the previous meeting were still ongoing and that the Committee were still awaiting a report regarding taxi omissions.

5. 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.

6. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/01** which considered whether an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence for a particular vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled should be granted. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with their application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered their decision on whether a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of the particular vehicle should be granted.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/01.**
- ii) That the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of the particular vehicle mentioned in the report be APPROVED.**

7. APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTING PASSENGERS IN WHEELCHAIRS ON MEDICAL GROUNDS

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/02** which considered whether an application for an exemption from assisting disabled passengers by a Hackney Carriage driver should be granted. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with their application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered their decision on whether the exemption should be granted.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/02.**
- ii) That a temporary exemption from assisting disabled passengers be APPROVED until 1 October 2012.**

- iii) **That the applicant bring a report from his Physiotherapist and his Consultant to the next meeting of the Committee where any decision on a further extension would be taken.**

8. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/03** which outlined a complaint that had been received and considered whether the respective driver was a fit and proper person to drive a Hackney Carriage.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with their application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered their decision on whether the driver was a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver.

RESOLVED:

- i) **That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/03.**
- ii) **That the Committee conclude the driver is a fit and proper person to drive a Hackney Carriage.**
- iii) **That the driver be given a written warning to be held on his file for one year.**

The meeting closed at 11.30 am