

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	3 December 2012
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart (substitute for Councillor K Ellis) Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillor K Ellis (substitute Councillor D Peart) and Mrs P Mackay
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer, Simon Scarrott – Senior Enforcement Officer, Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25. MINUTES

It was agreed that the grammatical error in paragraph two of item six should be amended to read as following:

- **Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application.**

RESOLVED:

That the Committee receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee on 5 November 2012 with the above amendments and that they be signed by the Chair.

26. PROCEDURE

The procedure was noted.

27. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

There was no address from the Chair.

28. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY – A REVIEW OF VEHICLE AGE LIMITS / EMISSIONS STANDARDS

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/09** which was a follow up report to the one presented to the Committee at the last meeting. The report contained detailed potential policy amendments for consideration.

The Senior Enforcement Officer explained that there were four options available for the Committee to consider as outlined in the report.

The Committee debated the options which were presented. A query was raised concerning which option other authorities had followed. The Senior Enforcement Officer stated that authorities such as Plymouth were looking to implement option two whereas authorities such as York had decided to choose more stringent rules. It was acknowledged that any option chosen was subject to consultation.

Queries were raised around the testing of vehicles. It was explained that taxi vehicles were tested annually and the Council was only allowed to test vehicles for a maximum of three times a year. With regard to testing for pollutants, it was explained that it was not feasible for the Council to do this.

After deliberation, the Committee decided to recommend option one as outlined in the report however it was agreed that in response to this, the hardship policy would also have to be considered and this would be done at the next meeting of the Committee in January 2013.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/09.**
- ii) That the Committee decide to recommend option one as outlined in the report.**
- iii) That the Hardship Policy be considered at the next meeting of the Committee in January 2013.**

29. 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.

30. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A SCRAP METAL DEALER AND MOTOR SALVAGE OPERATOR

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/10** which considered whether the respective individuals would continue to be 'fit and proper' persons, to be certified as scrap metal dealers and motor salvage operators within Selby District.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the persons, who were represented by their Solicitor. An account of their behaviour was provided and questions were posed in connection with this explanation. The Committee discussed the matter and considered the all the relevant issues.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/03.**
- ii) That further information was required to enable the Committee to make a decision and that the decision on the matter be deferred until 4 March 2013 to allow the Court hearing to take place.**

The meeting closed at 11.26am