

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	13 May 2013
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), K Ellis (Vice Chair), J Deans (for Mrs K McSherry), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Mackman, D Peart (for Mrs P Mackay), Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors Mrs P Mackay (substitute D Peart), B Marshall and Mrs K McSherry (substitute J Deans)
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer, Rachel Howden – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

57. MINUTES

An error was pointed out in the minutes under section 55 at the bottom of page four as it should have stated “The difference between a licence and consent was clarified” rather than “The difference between a market and consent was clarified”.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee on 18 March 2013 with the above amendment and the Licensing Hearing on 11 March 2013 and that they be signed by the respective Chair for each meeting.

59. PROCEDURE

The procedure was noted.

59. CHAIR’S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair informed the Committee that she had discussed training needs for Committee members with the Senior Solicitor and if members had any specific training needs they should let her know.

The Senior Enforcement Officer updated the Committee on previous cases that had come before the Committee and the current situation with regard to these.

60. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A VOLKSWAGEN TRANSPORTER VEHICLE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/24** which outlined an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Volkswagen Transporter Vehicle, being discreet in manner. The applicant was in attendance.

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

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report L/12/24.**
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Volkswagen Transporter Vehicle being discreet in manner.**

61. 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.

The Committee decided to amend the running order of the agenda.

62. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A PARTICULAR VEHICLE NOT FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/26** which outlined an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of a particular vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled. The applicant was in attendance.

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

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report L/12/26.**
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of the particular vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.**

63. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSING HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/25** 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. The driver was in attendance. Two witnesses who had provided statements were also in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant and the witnesses in connection with the incident. The Committee discussed the matter and considered all the relevant issues.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report L/12/25.**
- ii) To SUSPEND the driver for 28 days due to his inappropriate conduct**

The meeting closed at 12.10pm