

## Minutes

### Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	7 October 2013
Present:	Councillors K Ellis (Chair), Mrs C Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow
Apologies for Absence:	Mrs S Duckett, R Sayner, B Marshall and Mrs P Mackay
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

#### **16. MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 2 September 2013 to be signed by the Chair.**

#### **17. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **18. PROCEDURE**

The procedure was noted.

#### **19. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Committee were informed that the Executive had approved the fee of £300 for Scrap Metal Dealer licence applications.

The Senior Enforcement Officer informed the Committee that the Government were currently running a consultation on abolishing personal licences. It was agreed to circulate the consultation document to members of the Committee to allow them to consider their views and to discuss this at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

**To circulate the consultation document on personal licences to the Committee.**

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

**20. 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.**

**21. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/9** which considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The applicant was in attendance with a relative.

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

**RESOLVED:**

**To REFUSE the application in accordance with the guidance relating to the relevance of convictions.**

The Committee moved back into public session.

**22. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A NEW MERCEDES BENZ E CLASS MOTOR VEHICLE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/7** which considered an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a new Mercedes Benz E Class motor vehicle. It was explained that the applicant had requested that the licence be 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 whether the application should be granted.

**RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the grant of a discreet Private Hire Vehicle Licence for a Mercedes Benz E Class motor vehicle.**

**23. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A NEW SKODA SUPERB MOTOR VEHICLE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/8** which considered an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a new Skoda Superb motor vehicle. It was explained that the applicant had requested that the licence be discreet in manner. The applicant was in attendance with her son.

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

**RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the grant of a discreet Private Hire Vehicle Licence for a new Skoda Superb motor vehicle and the transfer of a PHVL in the form of discreet identification issued to a VW Transporter.**

**24. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/6** which outlined information concerning the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

The Senior Enforcement Officer explained that the new act replaced the old act of 1964. The Committee were informed that there were currently 6 scrap metal dealers and 7 motor salvage operators in the district. These individuals would now have to apply for a new licence under the new guidelines. It was explained that fees for Scrap Metal Dealer licence applications had been agreed to the sum of £300 by the Executive.

Queries were raised concerning the identification requested of people handing in scrap metal. The Senior Enforcement Officer explained that people handing in scrap metal to dealers needed to provide a proof of address

**RESOLVED:**

**To NOTE that the Council has delegated powers to the Licensing Committee to deal with issues where applications are recommended for refusal, revocation or variation of scrap metal dealer licences and where representations have been received in connection with those recommendations.**

The meeting closed at 11.48am