

## Minutes

### Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	4 November 2013
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), K Ellis (Vice Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow
Apologies for Absence:	None
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

#### **25. MINUTES**

**It was agreed to amend resolution two on the minutes of the Licensing Hearing on 19 August 2013 to correct the typographical error.**

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 7 October 2013 and the Licensing Hearings held on 5 June 2013 and 19 August 2013 and to be signed by the respective Chairs.**

#### **26. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **27. PROCEDURE**

The procedure was noted.

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

The Chair made no address

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

## **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. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A PARTICULAR VEHICLE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer explained that the applicant's vehicle had broken down therefore the applicant was unable to attend the Committee meeting today. The Committee agreed to defer the application to the next meeting.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To DEFER consideration of the application to the next Committee meeting.**

The Committee moved back into public session.

## **31. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A MERCEDES BENZ MOTOR VEHICLE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/11** which considered an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Mercedes Benz 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 motor vehicle.**

## **32. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PERSONAL LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/13/10** which outlined the Government consultation on personal licences. The Senior Enforcement Officer explained that the Government were consultation on the proposal to abolish personal licences and the deadline for comments for the consultation was 7 November 2013.

The Committee were against the idea of abolishing personal licences as they felt this would undermine the licensing objectives. They also felt the proposal would increase bureaucracy.

The Senior Enforcement Officer read out a draft response to the consultation and this was endorsed by the Committee. It was agreed this would be the response that would be sent. It was also agreed that the response would be sent to the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **To APPROVE the draft response prepared by the Senior Enforcement Officer as the formal consultation response.**
- 2) **To send the draft response to the Committee.**

The meeting closed at 10.46am