

## Minutes

### Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	7 July 2014
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart (for K Ellis), Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow
Apologies for Absence:	K Ellis (sub D Peart) and B Marshall.
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

#### **12. MINUTES**

The Committee considered the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 2 June 2014 and the Licensing Hearing held on 30 April 2014.

It was noted that there was an error on page two of the minutes of the Licensing Hearing as there was a reference to a different premises.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 2 June 2014 and the Licensing Hearing held on the 30 April 2014 with the above amendment and they be signed by the Chair.**

#### **13. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **14. PROCEDURE**

The procedure was noted.

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

The Chair explained that at the next Committee, two applications for National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR) Hardship Relief would be considered. Due to these being the first applications of its kind to be heard by the Committee, it was agreed that training would be provided at 9.30am.

The Chair also stated that the date of the next meeting would be moved from 1 September to 8 September.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To move the next date of the Licensing Committee to 8 September from 1 September.**
- ii) To provide training on considering NNDR Hardship Relief applications at the next meeting with a commencement time of 9.30am for the training.**

**16. A REVIEW OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING POLICY**

The Committee considered a report which informed them of a review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy. The report set out the timeline for the review, including the dates for the public consultation process.

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the report and informed the Committee that the review would encompass all issues and other authorities were currently being liaised with concerning good practice.

The Committee requested a further update at their next meeting with a framework outline of the areas to be covered in the policy.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) To note the report and to request a further update be brought to the next Committee containing a framework outline of the areas to be covered in the policy.**

**17. 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.**

## **18. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/7 which outlined an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. 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 application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.**

## **19. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/8 which outlined a recent incident that had taken place concerning a licenced Private Hire Vehicle Driver. The Committee considered whether the respective driver was a fit and proper person to drive a Private Hire Vehicle. The driver was in attendance with a representative.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree that no further action be taken against the driver.**

## **20. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/9 which outlined a complaint that had been received against a licenced Private Hire Vehicle Driver. The Committee considered whether the respective driver was a fit and proper person to drive a Private Hire Vehicle. The driver was in attendance.

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

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree that the driver be given a warning about his future conduct.**

The meeting closed at 10:55am.