

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	2 March 2015
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), Mrs S Duckett, K Ellis, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart (for Mrs C Mackman), Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Mrs P Mackay (sub D Peart)
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Michelle Dinsdale – Policy Officer, Esta Inness – Graduate Trainee, Policy and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Manager.

61. MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 6 February 2015.

It was agreed to make the following amendments:

- Under section 60, it was agreed to amend the second paragraph so that it read 'The Committee was satisfied with the proposals'.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 6 February 2015 with the above amendment and they be signed by the Chair.

62. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

63. PROCEDURE

The procedure was noted.

64. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

There was no address by the Chair.

65. SCRAP METAL DEALERS POLICY CONSULTATION

The Graduate Trainee, Policy presented the Report L/14/26 which outlined a draft Scrap Metal Dealers Policy and asked the Committee to provide their comments.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Concern was raised at the definition of high sided vehicles and it was felt this was unenforceable.
- It was queried why a scrap metal dealer could not have a collection and site licence in the district. It was explained that it was defined in legislation that a dealer could have a site licence and collectors licence from another authority.
- It was queried whether there was a register which recorded if a scrap metal dealer had convictions or had enforcement action taken against them. It was agreed this would be looked into.
- Queries were raised regarding enforcement and prosecution during the term of the licence.
- The Committee were of the opinion that the information regarding the vehicle of the dealer should be recorded.
- It was felt further information needed to be included to highlight what would happen if the licence holder changed their vehicle.

It was agreed that a response would be sent to the Committee with responses and clarification on the queries raised.

The Committee were reminded that the response at the meeting would not be a formal consultation response and were encouraged that they should make a formal response as a Committee or individually separately from the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To circulate a response to the Committee on the queries raised.

66. TAXI LICENSING POLICY

The Committee considered the presentation of evidence to the Executive on the Taxi Licensing Policy following the decision by the Scrutiny Committee on the call in to refer the decision regarding the Policy back to the Executive.

The Committee discussed a 60%/40% split with regard to wheelchair accessible vehicles rather than a 75%/25% split.

The Committee discussed the anecdotal evidence received concerning using wheelchair accessible vehicles and discussed ways in which further evidence could be presented to the Executive.

The Committee were reminded that it was not intended to re-consult. It was also stated that whilst officers could assist in collating evidence provided by the Committee, it was the responsibility of the Committee to provide relevant evidence to the Executive prior to re-consideration of the decision.

RESOLVED:

To note the discussion held.

The meeting closed at 10.58am.