

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room - Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, YO8 9FT
Date:	Monday, 8 April 2019
Time:	10.00 am
Present:	Councillors K Ellis (Chair), R Sweeting (Vice-Chair), D Buckle, J Chilvers, S Duckett, J Thurlow and D White
Officers present:	Sharon Cousins (Licensing Manager), Jade Reynolds (Solicitor); and Dawn Drury (Democratic Services Officer)
Public:	0
Press:	0

71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peart and Marshall.

72 MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2019.

RESOLVED:

To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 18 February 2019.

73 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

74 PROCEDURE AND TAXI LICENSING POLICY

The Committee noted the Licensing Committee procedure and the Council's Taxi Licensing Policy.

75 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair stated that he did not have anything to report.

76 SELBY TAXI LICENSING POLICY 2019

The Licensing Manager presented the report which asked the Committee to endorse the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019; and to recommend to the Executive adoption of the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019.

The Committee heard that a consultation had been held between 1 December 2018 and 4 February 2019, the consultation responses had been reviewed, and the proposed policy had been updated as necessary.

In response to queries from the Committee regarding wheelchair accessible vehicles, it was confirmed that when a new application for a Hackney Carriage vehicle licence was made, the licence would only be granted if the vehicle was wheelchair accessible, this only applied to new vehicles, it did not apply to vehicles already in service.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that the proposed policy set out the standard that the Council would use to inform its decisions on applications for licences, their renewal and consideration for their continuance. Furthermore, if these standards were not met the Council was permitted by legislation to refuse, revoke or suspend a licence to protect public safety.

The Committee asked the Licensing Manager if it would be possible to consider a dress code for drivers, and to have the Selby District Council logo on each vehicle, the Licensing Manager confirmed that this was something that could be looked into for the future.

The Committee were supportive of the officer recommendation and agreed to endorse the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019, as detailed in the report at appendix A; and to recommend to the Executive adoption of the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019.

RESOLVED:

- i To endorse the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019, as detailed in the report at appendix A; and**
- ii To recommend to the Executive, to adopt the proposed Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019.**

Reasons for decision:

Adoption of the revised Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019, and the measures therein, would support the statutory position, help to protect public safety; and

bring consistency and certainty to both the trade and customers.

77 PRIVATE SESSION

It was proposed, and seconded, that the Committee sit in private session due to the nature of the business to be transacted.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted the meeting be not open to the press and public during discussion of the following items as there will be disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12(A) of the Act.

78 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Manager presented the report, which asked the Committee to determine an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. It was noted that the application had been brought before the Committee due to a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check highlighting previous convictions during the application process.

The applicant was present and was able to respond to questions asked by the Committee concerning the report including the previous convictions.

The applicant and Licensing Manager left the meeting whilst the Committee considered the application.

The Committee considered that the convictions were of concern however they had occurred a long time ago. The Committee considered that the evidence presented demonstrated that the applicant was a 'fit and proper person' to be a licensed Hackney Carriage driver.

RESOLVED:

To grant the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person in accordance with the Council's Licensing Policy.

The meeting closed at 10.35 am.