

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 15 JUNE 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors Vera Tomlinson, Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Paul Dixon, Steph Exell, Emma Faramarzi, Colin Lovell, Derique Montaut, Eric Shaw, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Nadine Watts and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wayne Crabbe, Nick Martin and Carol Shelley.

6. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

7. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2017, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

9. Consideration to Review Hackney Carriage Upper-Age Limits

The Committee received a report setting out a request from a hackney carriage operator for the Council to review its upper age limits for hackney carriage vehicles. It was noted that a representative from the hackney carriage operator seeking a review of the policy was unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved – That the report be deferred until the July meeting of this Committee in order to allow a representative from the hackney carriage operator seeking a review of the policy to attend to make representations to the Committee.

10. Review of the Policy Relating to the Licensing of Vehicles with Tinted Windows

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Officer setting out a request from vehicle providers to remove the Council's restriction regarding tinted windows on licensed vehicles, and (b) written representations received from Flight Link Executive Travel and T 'N' C Cars supporting a change in policy.

Resolved – (1) That the restriction on tinted windows for plated cars be amended to permit factory tint only on vehicle rear windows, and rear quarter lights on estate vehicles, effective from 31st July 2017.

(2) That officers submit a report to this Committee in respect of the policy on tinted windows for non-plated hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

11. Model Conditions for Kennels

The Council's Licensing Officer submitted a report setting out the proposed review of the licence conditions for kennels within the Borough under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963.

Resolved – (1) That approval be given for a consultation on the proposed revised conditions for kennels within the Borough with licensed establishments other relevant organisations.

(2) That the results of the consultation referred to in (1) above be reported to this Committee.