

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Paul Dixon, Nick Martin, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Nadine Watts, Peter Watts, Wayne Crabbe, Emma Faramarzi and Colin Lovell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Steph Exell, Derique Montaut, Carol Shelley, Vera Tomlinson and Eric Shaw

18. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That, in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor Emma Faramarzi be Chair of this meeting of the Committee.

19. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meetings held on 15th June and 6th July 2017, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

20. 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.

21. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked.

22. Review of 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 hackney carriage and private hire 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 private hire vehicles with a plate exemption plated cars be amended to permit factory tint windows, as set out in the report of the Council's Licensing Manager, subject to all other glass complying with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.

(2) That, further to (1) above, the amendment to the Council's current policy shall only apply in respect of plate exempt vehicles and not to any vehicle that is used routinely for private hire and chauffeur work.

23. Street Trading

The Council's Licensing Manager reported orally in respect of progress made by officers in (a) reviewing the Council's Street Trading Policy, and (b) making arrangements for a Christmas Market in the town centre.

Resolved – That the oral update be noted.

