

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 8 JULY 2014

PRESENT:- Councillors John Ballman, Andrew Bennett (Chair), Oliver Donachie, John Haines, Timothy Swinyard and Vera Tomlinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Junab Ali, Derique Montaut and Steve Wakefield.

1. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/15

Resolved – That Councillor Andrew Bennett be Chair of this Sub-Committee during the Municipal Year, 2014/15.

(Councillor Bennett took the Chair.)

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2014/15

Resolved – That the appointment of Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee be deferred until the next meeting.

3. 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.

4. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd August 2012, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred in Agenda Items 9 and 10 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned (Minutes 8 and 9 refers.)

6. Public Question Time

There were no Public Questions.

7. Review of Hackney Carriage Parking in the Town Centre

The Sub-Committee received an oral report from officers concerning concerns raised by Ward Councillors in respect of inappropriate parking by Hackney Carriage vehicles in the Town Centre area.

Resolved – That officers from the Council's Licensing team be requested to undertake an audit of Hackney Carriage parking provision within the Town Centre

and Old Town areas and submit a report with their findings to this Sub-Committee.

8. Application for the grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out an appeal against the decision by officers not to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence, (b) representations by the appellant in support of his appeal, and (c) questions to the applicant from Councillors and the answers received.

Resolved – That consideration of the appeal be deferred pending the receipt of additional information from the applicant.

9. Application for the grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out an appeal against the decision by officers not to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence, (b) representations by the appellant in support of his appeal, and (c) questions to the applicant from Councillors and the answers received.

Resolved – That the appeal be upheld and the driver named in the report be issued a Private Hire Drivers Licence with immediate effect.