

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 25 JULY 2019

PRESENT:- Councillors Vera Tomlinson (Chair), Abdul Amin, Alan Bishop, Malcolm Davies, Paul Dixon, Imtiyaz Shaikh and Caryl Sydney-Smith.

10. 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.

11. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2019, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

12. Public Question Time

Mr Andy Lucas asked public questions relating to the licensed capacity of Hackney Carriages as confirmed by their Hackney Carriage Plate. The Council's Licensing Manager responded, on behalf of the Chair, at the meeting.

Mr Andy Lucas asked a supplemental question relating to the licensed capacity of Hackney Carriages, as confirmed by their Hackney Carriage Plate, whilst carrying a passenger using a wheel chair. The Council's Licensing Manager responded, on behalf of the Chair, at the meeting.

Mr Andy Lucas asked public questions relating to the licensed capacity of Hackney Carriages, as confirmed by their Hackney Carriage Plate, whilst the driver was using the vehicle undertaking pre-paid private bookings. The Council's Licensing Manager responded, on behalf of the Chair, at the meeting.

Mr George Berares asked public questions in relation to the accuracy of information in correspondence between himself and Council Officers relating to the capacity of his Hackney Carriage following changes to his Hackney Carriage Plate. The Council's Licensing Manager responded, on behalf of the Chair, at the meeting.

Mr George Berares asked a supplemental question in relation the storage of information regarding Hackney Carriages on the Council's computer system. The Council's Licensing Manager responded, on behalf of the Chair, at the meeting

13. Introduction of conditions to restrict the seating capacity of wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriages to the number of rear seats behind the safety partition only and to reflect numbers where a wheelchair user is carried.

The Council considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out proposals for specific conditions in respect of (i) restricting the seating capacity of wheelchair accessible Hackney Carriages to the number of seats beyond the safety partition in the rear of the vehicle, and (ii) where a wheelchair is being carried within the vehicle, and (b) the comments of Messrs Berares and Lucas

(Hackney Carriage Drivers) in respect of the proposed conditions.

Resolved – That consideration of the report be deferred and the meeting adjourned until Monday 29th July 2019 at 5:30p.m.