

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 14 JUNE 2018**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Vera Tomlinson (Chair), Abdul Amin, John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Malcolm Davies, Paul Dixon, Steph Exell, Nick Martin, Imtiyaz Shaikh, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Rahul Tarar, Nadine Watts and Peter Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brian Mattock and Maureen Penny.

### **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 meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> April and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **8. Public Question Time**

No public questions were received during the meeting.

### **9. Consideration to Introduce a Policy to Require CCTV within Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles**

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report seeking approval to undertake a public consultation in respect of the use of CCTV in Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

Resolved – (1) That an eight week consultation public consultation be undertaken in respect of the introduction of a policy for the use of CCTV in Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles be approved.

(2) That, further to (1) above, the following proposals be included as part of the consultation:

(a) that all new vehicles licensed with the Council on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 be fitted with CCTV; and

(b) that all vehicles licensed with the Council at the time of implementation of this policy be fitted with CCTV on or before 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019, and

(c) the possibility of audio recordings, activated by either driver or passenger, be activated in emergency situations.

(3) That, it be agreed in principle, that the Council's Licensing Manager be given delegated authority to refuse any CCTV system that does not comply with data protection requirements and the Information Commissioner's Office 'CCTV Code of Practice' and to accept those that comply.

(4) That, further to (1) above, following the conclusion of the eight week consultation exercise the results, including any proposed amendments, be brought back to this Committee for consideration.