

LICENSING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2019

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors John Ballman and Peter Watts.

28. 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.

29. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2018 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

30. Public Question Time

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr Des Broxter, Mr Andrew Lucas and Mr Mark Newton made representations in respect of the report on the consideration of the Council's policy to allow licence holders to work for more than one operator at a time.

31. Consideration to review licensing policy to allow licence holders to work for more than one operator at a time

The Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager reviewing the Council's policy to allow licence holders to work for more than one operator at a time, an (b) the public representations made under public question time, and (c) written representations received from SN1 Cars.

Resolved – That Licensing Manager be authorised to undertake a public consultation in respect of the Council's policy to allow licence holders to work for more than one operator at a time and submit a report to this Committee setting out the results of the public consultation.

32. Review of conviction and caution policy in respect of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

The Council's Licensing Manager submitted a report seeking authority to adopt the Institute of Licensing's Guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney and private hire trades.

Resolved – (1) That the Institute of Licensing's 'Guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney and private hire trades' be approved and this policy replace the Council's current policy in respect of convictions in respect of hackney and private hire drivers.

(2) That Council's the Licensing Manager be authorised to continue officer

delegation to assess new and existing drivers in accordance with the guidelines and take appropriate action in order to safeguard the fare paying public.