

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2012

PRESENT:- Councillors Andrew Bennett, Wayne Crabbe, Richard Hurley, Derique Montaut and Steve Wakefield.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Junab Ali, Doreen Dart and Emma Faramarzi.

14. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2012/13

Resolved – That Councillor Andrew Bennett be Chair of this Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year, 2012/13.

15. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2012/13

Resolved – That Councillor Derique Montaut be Vice-Chair of this Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year, 2012/13.

16. 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.

17. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2012 be confirmed and signed.

18. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

19. Law Commission Consultation - Reform of Taxi and Private Hire Services

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Head of Highways and Transport setting out details of a review by the Law Commission for England and Wales in respect of the reform of Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle services, (b) a copy of the Law Commission Consultation Paper “Reforming the Law of Taxi and Private Hire Services”, (c) the submission of the Taxi Licensing and Contracts Team Leader to the Officer National Association, and (d) questions and answers relating to the consultation and proposed responses.

Resolved - (1) That the officer response to their National Association set out in Appendix C to the report be noted.

(2) That, subject to the inclusion of the comments of Members made at this meeting, the officer response set out in Appendix C to the report be approved as this Authority’s response to the Law Commission for England and Wales Consultation Paper “Reforming the Law of Taxi and Private Hire Services”.