

LICENSING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 21st June 2011.

PRESENT – Councillor Hussain I (in the Chair), Councillors Barry, Oldfield, Pearson D, Pearson J, Rehman, Smith J., Solkar, Tapp, Walsh and Wright.

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3rd February 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed.

3 Minutes of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee Meetings

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 1st February, 1st March and 8th March be received.

4 Declarations of interest

The Chair declared a prejudicial interest in respect of the item relating to the application for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares during consideration of that item he left the room.

5 Application for an increase in the Hackney Carriage Fares.

The Committee considered a request received for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares. The report outlined the two requests that had been received and these were from the Chairman of the Hackney carriage Drivers Association Ltd and from the Chairman of the Blackburn and Darwen Hackney Carriage Association. The Chairmen for the two organisations were invited to address the Committee and outline their organisations proposals and the reasons for the requests. Members discussed the merits of the two proposals and the implications for the taxi trade and the citizens of the borough.

RESOLVED- That the request for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares submitted on behalf of the Blackburn and Darwen Hackney Carriage Association be approved for consultation.

6. Training- General Licensing, Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

The Committee received training on the work of the Local Authority and duties under the Licensing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2005. The licensing officers outlined the relevant legislation that shaped the work of the service and the powers that governed the work of the Council. Attention was drawn to the three monthly reviews of licenses and the staffing implications for this work. Members discussed the way in which the Committee worked and that this should be bourn in mind when reviewing licences in future.

RESOLVED- That the training be noted.

7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

8. Minutes of the General Licensing Sub Committees

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings of the General Licensing Sub Committees held on 15th February, 1st March, 15th March, 29th March and 19th April 2011 were confirmed by Members present who had served at those meetings and were signed as a correct record.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....