

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2012**

PRESENT – *Councillor John Wright (in the Chair), Councillors Davies, Gee, Hussain, I., Liddle, Oldfield, Pearson, D. Walsh and Whalley. ,*

RESOLUTIONS

1. Welcome and Apologies

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Khonat and Smith and Tapp.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2012.

RESOLVED- that the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

4. Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles- Public Consultation.

The Committee received a report informing them of the results of the recent public consultation in relation to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicle License terms and conditions.

Members discussed the options and the responses to the consultation and how these options could be implemented whilst maintaining the safety of the users. Members also discussed the issues relating to accessibility and the importance of this to users. The colour of vehicles was also discussed.

RESOLVED- That the report and the responses to the consultation be noted and that

- The registration of vehicles be extended to over ten years subject to them being well maintained and that standards be drawn up to ensure that public safety is maintained.
- That the Hackney Carriage fleet be maintained as wheel chair accessible
- That the colour black be maintained as the colour for the Hackney Carriage Fleet.

5. REVIEW OF STREET TRADING CONSENTS IN BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN.

With the consent of the committee this item was withdrawn to enable further legal issues to be addressed.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in view of the fact that the business to be transacted was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 contained in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

7. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the General Licensing Sub-Committees held on 24th July, 21st August and 4th September 2012 be approved.

Signed.....
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....