

LICENSING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 16th July 2013

PRESENT: Councillor Wright (*in the Chair*), Councillors Davies, Gee, F. Hussain, Humphrys, Oldfield, D. Pearson, Tapp, D. Walsh, and Solkar.

RESOLUTIONS

18. Membership of the Committee

Members were informed that Councillor Brookfield had been appointed to replace Councillor Maxfield as a member of the Committee.

19. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present and apologies from Councillors, Khonat, I. Hussain and Brookfield.

20. Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013.

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2013 be received and signed as a correct record.

21. Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest made.

22. Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey.

The Committee received a presentation outlining the findings of the survey conducted by CTS Traffic Consultants Ltd on Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand in the Borough. The report had been prepared to establish if the council was justified in maintaining its policy of restricting the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle licenses issued.

The survey had been carried out in February of this year and the findings outlined to the committee. The Key Conclusions of the review were outlined as follows-

- There was no evidence of any significant unmet demand
- There was a good range of ranks available and used.
- The total usage of HCVs was low
- There was next to no evening demand.
- There was some evidence of congestion by HCV and PHVs
- There was no requirement for any more active vehicles.

The report outlined a number of options which were reported to the committee, together with technical recommendations. The committee were given the opportunity to question the report's author on the findings of the report and the options before the committee.

Resolved-

That the Executive Member for Housing Neighbourhoods and Customer Services be recommended to receive the findings of the Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey and retain the limit and review in three years unless government or law changes occur and that with stability of trade the opportunity to develop further HMC trade be taken.

23. Exclusion of Press and Public.

It was 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

24. Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees.

Resolved-

That the minutes of the General Licensing Sub-Committees held on 11th and 18th June 2013 be approved.

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

Date.....