

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14th July 2015

PRESENT: *Councillor Wright (in the Chair), Councillors Akhtar (for Vali) Ali, Casey, Hollings, I. Hussain, S. Hussain and Tapp.*

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Gee, Humphrys, McFall, Rehman, Mulla and Vali.

2 Minutes of the meetings held on 3rd June 2015

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd June 2015 be received and signed as a correct record.

4 Declarations of Interest in items on this agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Proposed Revisions of Terms and Conditions Attached to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licences.

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment and Leisure informing members of the Proposals to review the terms and conditions attached to Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licences.

The changes were required because of the implementation of the Deregulation Act 2015 which comes into effect in October of this year. The proposed changes would be subject to consultation and reported back to the Committee in October of this year. The need for as wide a consultation with drivers as possible was stressed.

Resolved-

That the Implications of the Deregulation Act 2015 be noted and that the Implications for the payment of fees by service users be considered and the outcome of wide discussions with the taxi trade be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

6. Proposed Penalty Scheme For Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators and Drivers

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Environment and Leisure informing Members of the proposal to introduce a penalty point scheme dealing with breaches of law or conditions attached to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Operators Licences.

Members drew attention to the penalty points system and the appeals system fee and were informed that this could be refundable if successful. The Committee were informed that the scheme was operating in Preston and the trade were happy with this. The consultation would now take place and the outcome reported to the Committee meeting in September.

Exclusion of the Press and Public.

Resolved- that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in view of the fact that the business transacted was exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a Local Government Act 1972.

Minutes of the Licensing Sub Committees

Resolved – That the minutes of General Licensing Sub Committee held on 16th June 2015, and 30th June 2015 be approved as a correct record

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....