

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 5th March 2024

**Present: Councillor Marriott (Chair)
Councillors Adshead, Cheetham, Driver, Gill, Looker and Neal**

**In Attendance: Susan Chadwick, Public Protection Manager
Yasmin Ahmed, Principal Legal Officer
Sattar Hussain, Legal Officer**

Also Present: Carolyn Sharples, Committee and Member Services Manager

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Johnson and Rigby.

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 4th July 2023 be approved as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the following Driver Sub-Committee meetings be approved as a correct record:

- 6th July 2023
- 7th September 2023
- 30th November 2023
- 22nd February 2024

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. LICENSING UPDATE

The Public Protection Manager introduced the Licensing Update report and highlighted the four successful licensing hearings. The department continued to monitor all regulatory matters.

In response to questions from members it was confirmed that:

- Taxis were able to ply for hire on taxi ranks, but not park there. They were legally allowed to park anywhere else the same as any other vehicle.
- Where time limited parking was concerned, this also applied to taxis the same as other vehicles.

- All 240 Rossendale licenced drivers had a DBS check as part of the procedure for getting a hackney carriage licence. In relation to drivers coming in from other areas to bring children to schools in Rossendale, the school contract could be done by various firms and vehicles. This was monitored by Lancashire County Council (LCC) who would do the relevant checks and they had a framework which drivers must operate within. Rossendale Council regularly participated and assisted in the spot checks with LCC.

Resolved:

That members note the contents of the update report.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed 6.40pm.

Signed.....

(Chair)

Date