

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 1st March 2016

**Present: Councillor Crawforth (in the Chair)
Councillors Cheetham, De Souza, Eaton, Farrington,
Haworth, Hughes, Oakes, Procter, Neal and Shipley**

**In Attendance: Tracy Brzozowski, Licensing and Enforcement Manager
Richard Bingham, Legal Officer
Jenni Cook, Committee Officer**

**Also Present: 6 members of the taxi trade/public
0 members of the press**

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received on behalf of Councillor Lythgoe (Councillor Procter substituting), Councillor Smallridge (Councillor Hughes substituting) and Councillor M. Smith (Councillor Oakes substituting).

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 25th January 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the following Driver Sub-Committees be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to amendments noted below:-

- a) 13th January 2016
- b) 28th January 2016
- c) 9th February 2016

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. CONVICTIONS POLICY UPDATE

- 6.1 The Licensing and Enforcement Manager gave a verbal update regarding proposed work to be undertaken on the Convictions Policy. It was noted that this was part of a wider review and outlined the consultation that had taken place so far.

- 6.2 The Licensing and Enforcement Manager noted that it would be pertinent to re-open discussions and consultation on the Convictions Policy and that a workshop with the taxi trade had been arranged for 8th March 2016.
- 6.2 It was noted that the Lancashire Authorities had been in discussions regarding their convictions policies with a view to adopting a uniform approach and that the matter would be brought back to the Licensing Committee in July 2016.
- 6.4 Although no registration for public speaking had taken place, the Chair allowed Mr David Lawrie to speak on behalf of the Taxi Trade.
- 6.5 Discussion took place on the item, summarised below:
- Accessibility of reports and policies on the internet. It was noted that information was available under committee headings and also www.rossendale.gov.uk/taxi
 - The Licensing and Enforcement Manager was requested to consult with LCC School Transport.
 - The Licensing and Enforcement Manager noted concerns regarding the website.

Resolved:

The update was noted.

Note: It was noted that when meetings of the Licensing Committee had previously been cancelled, members had aired concerns so it was agreed that meetings, albeit with small agendas, would continue.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 6.45pm

CHAIR: _____