

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 27th September 2017

**Present: Councillor Hughes (Chair)
Cllr Smallridge, Cllr Cheetham, Cllr Farrington, Cllr Haworth,
Cllr Johnson, Cllr Neal, Cllr Shipley, Cllr Smith and Cllr Steen
(Subbing for Cllr Eaton) and Cllr Crawforth (part)**

**In Attendance: Phil Morton, Licensing Manager
Clare Birtwistle, Legal Services Manager
Joanna Wood, Committee and Member Services Officer**

Also Present: David Wilson

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 11th July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

An amended was made to the last page of the Driver Sub-Committee dated the 31st August 2017 in relation to the time the meeting concluded. This was amended from 12pm to 12 Noon.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Driver Sub-Committees held on the 24th July 2017, 17th August and 31st August to be approved as a correct recorded.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. REPORT B1 Revised Taxi Licensing Policies

The Licensing Manager introduced the report and provided the Committee with revised conditions in relation to tinted windows in licensed vehicles and the maximum entry age and emissions standards of licensed vehicles.

The Licensing Manager confirmed there was an amendment to the proposed new wording in the report as follows:

Completed applications for a new vehicle licence will only normally be accepted in respect of vehicles that are less than 5 years of age from the date of first registration or are less than 7 years of age where its emissions comply with the current Euro Emission standard (as amended from time to time) or emissions have been reduced to comply with that Euro Emission standard by means of an approved conversion kit.

Mr David Wilson spoke on the item and answered questions for clarification from members.

Discussion took place on the item and the Licensing Manager provided clarification as summarised below;

- CCTV Monitoring and responsibilities
- Possible changes in Policies after 2012

Councillor Crawford entered the Meeting at 6.40pm.

Councillor Hughes moved the recommendation.

Councillor Steen seconded the recommendation.

Councillor Crawford was advised by the Legal Services Manager that he would not be able to vote due to him not being present for the whole of the item.

Members voted on the recommendation.

For	Against	Abstain
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Resolved:

That the Licensing Committee considered the proposed amendments to the taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy and adopt the revised conditions to include the amendment stated above.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed 6.50pm

CHAIR: _____