

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 31st July 2019 at Retford Town Hall

Present: Councillor J Potts (Chair)
Councillors J R Anderson, K M Greaves, S Isard, G Jones, D R Pressley,
H Richards, J M Sanger MBE, C Tindle.

Officers in attendance: L Dore, A Webster, S Wormald.

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm).

(The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure. She also enquired as to whether any member of the public wished to film the meeting or any part thereof; however, there were no members of the public present).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Clarkson and T P Eaton BCA.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

(a) Members

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members.

(b) Officers

There were no Declarations of Interest by officers.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD APRIL 2019

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2019 be approved.

4. MINUTES FOR ACTION

In reference to Minute No. 53, Minutes for Action, the Principal Solicitor (Licensing and Regulatory) will provide an update at the next Licensing Committee meeting.

In reference to Minute No.57, Application for a Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver's Licence, the applicant had been advised on the outcome of the Committee's decision.

In reference to Minute No. 58, Driver Medical Review, the change of company providing medical certificates in regard to drivers of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles had been actioned. A review of the service provided by the new company will be presented to the Committee after twelve months operation.

RESOLVED that the Minutes for Action be received.

5. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

The Council Solicitor advised he had no update to advise regarding Minute No's. 35(b) Roadside Catering Policy and 37(c) Hackney Carriage Scale of Fares – Larger Vehicles. He had previously commented on Minute No's 53 and 58(b) under Minutes for Action at Agenda Item No. 4.

RESOLVED that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

The Council Solicitor advised that the report at Agenda Item No. 7(b) had been withdrawn.

6. REPORT(S) OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR

- (a) Request for Permission to Display Advertisements on a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles by '6 FIVE 2's', Worksop

The Committee received a report which asked them to consider an application from Nicola Howe to display logos on Hackney Carriage Vehicles where she is the proprietor, and on Private Hire Vehicles attached to the Private Hire Operator's licence held by her in the name of '6 FIVE 2's', Worksop.

The Council Solicitor advised that the application was in line with Council Policy. He drew the attention of the Committee to the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licensing Conditions attached to Appendix O of the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy, and Private Hire Vehicle Conditions at Appendix N. The relevant condition details were included in the report. Copies of the notices which the applicant proposed to use were appended to the report.

RESOLVED that permission be granted to Nicole Howe to display the logo/advertisement on Hackney Carriage Vehicles where she is the proprietor and on Private Hire Vehicles attached to the Private Hire Operators licence held by her in the name of '6 FIVE 2's', Worksop.

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and after considering the public interest test as set out by the officer in the body of the report, Members agreed that the following items of business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 and therefore, in accordance with Section 100A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting:

Agenda Item No. 7(a) – Application for Exemption from Displaying PHV Plates / Door Signs – Paragraph 3.

SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE

Key Decisions

None.

Other Decisions

8. REPORT(S) OF THE PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR (LICENSING AND REGULATORY)

- (a) Application for Exemption from Displaying PHV Plates / Door Signs

Members were asked to consider an application for an exemption under Section 75(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 in respect of a PHV licence condition to display private hire vehicle plates and door signs on one new replacement vehicle.

The Council Solicitor advised that the application met the criteria by which future applications for an exemption would be determined as agreed by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 9th June 2010.

RESOLVED that the application for exemption from displaying PHV door plates / door signs under Section 75(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for the duration of the PHV Licence be granted.

(b) Request for Permission to Display Advertisements on a Hackney Carriage Vehicle

The report had been withdrawn prior to the meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT.

As there was no other urgent business to be discussed, the Chair closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 6.55pm).

