

Time commenced	6:10 pm
Time finished	6:42 pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2014

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hickson, A Holmes, Keith, J Khan,
Pegg, Sandhu, Skelton and Wright

11/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barker, Poulter, Redfern and Whitby.

12/14 Late Items to be Introduced

There were no late items.

13/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

as correct The minutes of the meetings held on 4 September 2014 were agreed record and signed by the Chair.

15/14 Request from Albatross Cars Ltd. For Disapplication of Door Signage Condition

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the request from Albatross Cars Ltd. for disapplication of door signage condition. It was reported that Albatross Cars Ltd had requested permission from the Council to depart from their standard conditions in respect of the door signage on their private hire vehicles by using the word 'taxi' which is not allowed. Members noted that this request was due to the firm having been voted the 'Best Taxi Company in Derby' by the Derby Telegraph and they wish to advertise the achievement on their door signs.

The Committee noted that they wished to congratulate the firm on their achievement of this award. Members suggested that Council officers approach the Derby Telegraph to inform them on the private hire vehicle conditions and suggest that should the Telegraph run such a survey again that they refrain from using the terminology of the word Taxi.

Resolved to reject the request by A2Z Licensing to depart from the conditions attached to their Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions.

16/14 Appeal against Consitions on Operator's Licenses by Albatross Cars Ltd and Chad Cars Ltd

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the appeal against conditions on operator's licences by Albatross Cars Ltd and Chad Cars Ltd. It was reported that on 23 October 2014, District Judge Strongman gave his judgement on the appeal. Members noted that having withdrawn their appeal against condition 32, 34, 35, 36 and 28 following prior agreement of revised wording by both parties, the only condition that required adjudication on was condition 37. District Judge Strongman allowed the appeal with regard to condition 37 and directed that the condition be amended as reported in paragraph 22 of the appendix.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the outcome of the appeal process;**
- 2. note that following the consultation exercise with the other licensed operators, to introduce the revised conditions agreed as part of the appeal process which would apply on the renewal of their operator licences.**

17/14 Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities – Quarter 2 2014/15

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the taxi licensing administration and compliance activities – quarter 2 2014/15.

Resolved to note the contents of the report.