

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

5 JULY 2012

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Harwood, Keith, J Khan, MacDonald, Pegg, Poulter,
Redfern, Sandhu, Skelton, F Winter, L Winter Whitby

01/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Barker.

02/12 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/12 Advertising on Private Hire Vehicles

The Committee considered an application from a local private hire company to allow advertising on private hire vehicles.

This subject had been considered by the Committee before on a number of occasions but had been refused on public safety grounds.

Resolved to approve, in principle, advertising on private hire vehicles, but to request officers to draw up specification conditions, to be considered at the next meeting.

06/12 Proposed Amendments to the Private Hire Vehicle Specification in Relation to Spare Wheel Provision

The Committee considered a report which stated that at the meeting held on 14 March 2012 the Committee had considered a report in relation to the spare wheel provision contained in the Specification for Private Hire Vehicles. The Committee resolved to approve the amendment of the wording to Paragraph 8 of the Specification.

Unfortunately the agreed wording was leading to a misinterpretation of the requirements by the trade and required alterations.

Resolved to amend the Private Hire Vehicle Specification in relation to spare wheel provision to read:

'The vehicle must have four road wheels and carry one spare wheel, jack and brace all securely stored in a position not liable to damage passenger's luggage. The spare wheel and tyre must be identical to the size of the four road wheels. The spare wheel must be compatible with the vehicle and be capable of being safely and securely fitted to the vehicle to which it relates using the existing vehicle fittings.'

MINUTES END