

Time commenced	4:09pm
Time finished	4:26pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
18 MARCH 2015

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Hezelgrave, Hickson, A Holmes, Keith, Pegg,
Redfern, Sandhu, Skelton and Whitby

27/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Khan, Poulter and Wright

28/14 Late Items to be Introduced

There were no late items.

29/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

30/14 Amendment of Private Hire Driver, Hackney Carriage Driver and Private Hire Operator Conditions

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on amendments of private hire driver, hackney carriage driver and private hire operator conditions. It was reported that the condition relating to convictions with regard to private hire drivers, hackney carriage drivers and operators refers only to conviction and not; Criminal Convictions, Cautions, Reprimands and/or Warnings as detailed on the application/renewal forms. This inconsistency led to confusion within the trade as to what they needed to report to the Licensing Team. It was noted that to clarify the situation and avoid any confusion or misunderstanding the wording on the conditions attached to any licence needed to reflect the wording on the application/renewal to ensure that officer/members have all the relevant information they need to determine if a driver or operator was 'fit and proper' to hold a licence.

The officer reported that all drivers had been issued a letter informing them of this proposed change.

Members expressed concern that the conditions should also include fixed penalty notices or if such persons have been made subject to a restorative justice disposal.

Resolved:

- 1. to amend condition 19 of the Private Hire Driver Conditions and Hackney Carriage Driver Conditions to: The driver shall, within 14 days of the date of receiving or having imposed on them any Criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands, warnings, fixed penalty notices, or if they have been made subject to a restorative justice disposal, disclose to the council in writing, details of the Criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands, warnings, fixed penalty notices, and/or restorative justice disposal during the period of the licence;**
- 2. to amend condition 25 of the Operators conditions to: Criminal Convictions, Cautions, Reprimands and/or Warnings – The Operator shall, within 14 days of the date of receiving or having imposed on them any Criminal Convictions, Cautions, Reprimands and/or Warnings, disclose to the Council in writing, details of the Criminal Convictions, Cautions Reprimands and/or warnings during the period of the licence.**

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