

Time commenced	18:00 pm
Time finished	18:30 pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
11 APRIL 2013

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Barker, Harwood, Keith, J Khan, Macdonald, Pegg,
Poulter, Redfern, Sandhu, Whitby and L Winter

41/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Skelton and F Winter.

42/12 Announcements from the Chair

Councillor Atwal made a personal statement to the committee and officers.

43/12 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 February 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/12 The Provision of Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kits in Licensed Vehicles

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on The Provision of Fire Extinguishers and First Aid Kits in Licensed Vehicles.

The report detailed a representation by A2Z Licensing on behalf of Chads Cars inviting a review the conditions relating to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicles in relation to the provision of first aid kits and fire extinguishers.

Members noted that the conditions in respect of fire extinguishers and first aid kits were inserted to support the health and safety and welfare

of drivers, passengers and the general public, and that those principles remained relevant.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the request from Chads Cars**
- 2. to instruct the Director of Environment and Regulatory Services to undertake a consultation process on the proposed changes set out in paragraph 4.6 of the report**
- 3. to instruct the Director of Environmental and Regulatory Services to report back to committee following the outcome of the consultation process, with final recommendations for adoption.**

47/12 The Use of Hackney Carriages by Other Authorities

The Committee received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the Use of hackney carriages by other authorities. The report detailed that once a vehicle had been licensed as a hackney carriage it was able to operate in any district in England and Wales.

Members raised concerns that other authorities had different standards. Information had been received from drivers and this data would be considered as part of the consultation.

Resolved:

- 1. to authorise the Service Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services, to go out to consultation with private hire operators, private hire vehicle licence holders and hackney carriage vehicle licence holders on the basis of the proposals set out in Appendix 2.**
- 2. to task the Service Director, Environmental and Regulatory Services to report back to committee with the outcome of that consultation, and make final recommendations to the committee**

NB: This consideration of this item had been marked as excluded from the press and public in the publicised agenda for the meeting, but was restored to the public session on the day, following advice from the Head of Legal Services at the meeting.

MINUTES END