

Time commenced : 6.00pm
Time finished : 6.25pm

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

4 May 2004

Present: Councillor Skelton (in the Chair)
Councillors Bolton, Brown, Dhamrait, Hird, F Hussain, Jackman,
Jackson, Jones, MacDonald, Redfern, and Samra

45/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Hickson and Rehman.

46/03 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

47/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

48/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49/03 Private Hire Access to Albert Street and Victoria Street

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services that detailed a proposal to undertake a review of the current Derby City Council (Victoria Street/Albert Street) (Direction and No Turn) Order 2001, to allow access for disabled people who use Private Hire Vehicles.

It was reported that the original Order had been made using powers in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order did not allow Private Hire Vehicles to access Albert Street and Victoria Street between the hours of 10.00am and 5.00pm for the purpose of setting down or picking up passengers. It was considered that the restricted access may be discriminatory against disabled Private Hire Vehicle users.

Resolved

- 1. to request that Council Cabinet authorises the Director of Development and Cultural Services to undertake a review of examples of best practice for allowing disabled access**

for Private Hire Vehicles in comparable local authorities/settings.

- 2. to, following the review from Development and Cultural Services, request that Council Cabinet undertake a review of the Derby City Council (Victoria Street/Albert Street) (Direction and No Turn) Order 2001, in order to facilitate access for disabled people who use private Hire Vehicles.**

50/03 Taxi Licensing Procedures Action Plan

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services that detailed progress of the Taxi Licensing Procedures Action Plan.

It was reported that in June 2003 the Licensing and Appeals Committee considered a report on the review of taxi licensing. The approved report included a proposed action plan to implement the recommendation of the review. It was anticipated that the Review would be completed by the end of 2004.

Resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END