

Time commenced : 6.00pm
Time finished : 6.30pm

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
4 September 2003

Present: Councillor Skelton (in the Chair)
Councillors Bolton, Brown, H S Dhamrait, Hird, J Hickson,
F Hussain, Jones, MacDonald, Redfern, Rehman, Samra

10/03 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jackman and Jackson.

11/03 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2003 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12/03 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

13/03 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

14/03 Private Hire Vehicle Specification - Minor Amendments

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services detailing two proposed amendments to the Private Hire Specification.

The proposed specification amendments were:

8(b) The four road wheels shall be fitted with wheel trims of a similar pattern

15 The vehicle shall not be fitted with darkened glass on any of the windows or any "darkening" film designed to obscure the interior of the vehicle from external view. Factory fitted tinted glass will be acceptable provided that the interior of the vehicle can still be clearly seen from outside of the vehicle.

Resolved to approve the two proposed amendments to the Private Hire Vehicle Specification

15/03 Revised Timetable for Licensing Reform

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services, which set out the revised timetable for the implementation of the new liquor-licensing regime.

Resolved to note the revised timetable for the implementation of the new liquor-licensing regime.

16/03 The Voluntary Surrender of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers' Licences

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services asking that Licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle drivers be permitted to retrieve their licences from the City Council at any time during the currency of their licence.

Resolved to permit licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle drivers to retrieve their licences from the City Council - following a break in driving - at any time during the currency of their licence.

17/03 Further Consideration of a Proposal to Use Motorcycles as Licensed Private Hire Vehicles

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Corporate Services detailing the proposed Specifications for Private Hire Motorcycles and the proposed conditions to be attached to Private Hire Motorcycle Licences and Private Hire Motorcycle Riders Licences.

At a previous meeting the Committee requested that the Traffic and Transportation Section be consulted on the proposal to use motorcycles as Licensed Private Hire Vehicles. This consultation resulted in a general approval of the proposal and no specific comments were made.

Resolved

- 1. To approve the use of motorcycles as licensed private hire vehicles.**

2. To approve:

- a) the proposed specifications for Private Hire Motorcycles and**
- b) the proposed conditions attached to**
 - Private Hire Motorcycle Licences**
 - Private Hire Motorcycle Riders Licences**

18/03 Hackney Carriage Meter Checks

It was reported that this item would be deferred for consideration at a special meeting of the Committee to take place at a date and time to be confirmed.

MINUTES END