

Time commenced	6:30 pm
Time finished	7:43 pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 6 DECEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Barker, Harwood, Keith, J Khan, MacDonald, Pegg,
Redfern, Sandhu, Skelton and Whitby

21/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Poulter, F Winter and L Winter.

22/12 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

23/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

24/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

25/12 Taxi Licensing and Enforcement Activities 2012/13 - Quarter 2

The Committee considered a report which provided information on the activities the licensing service had undertaken during quarter 2 of the 2012/13 financial year.

Some Members of the Committee expressed concerns about the two strike suspension rule on enforcement and the requirement to attend Taxi Licensing Sub Committee for two suspensions in any 12 month rolling period.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To consider the two strike rule at the next trade meeting.**

26/12 Advertising Update

The Committee considered a report which stated that the Committee had previously agreed to allow advertising on private hire door signs and to amend the existing private hire vehicle condition 11 and the existing hackney carriage advertising policy. A consultation process had been undertaken and the report updated Members on the outcome of this process.

Resolved to note the outcome of the consultation processes and to approve the recommendation of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods, following consultation with the Chair, to introduce standardised door signage with and without advertisements on, in line with the details set out in the report.

27/12 Taxi Licensing Fees and Charges 2013/14

The Committee considered a report which provided information on the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licence and other charges for 2013/14.

Resolved

- 1. To approve, the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2013/14.**
- 2. To authorise the Service Director of Environment and Regulatory Services to advertise the proposed variation of fees.**
- 3. To consider any representations received within the required period and take appropriate action if required.**

28/12 Enforcement of Licensed Vehicle Standards

The Committee considered a report which stated that at the meeting of the Committee held on 4 October 2012, some members had questioned the current testing standards for licensed hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, the quality of testing and the approach to enforcement. The Committee requested a report from officers be presented to this meeting.

The report set out the legal requirements in relation to enforcement of vehicle standards, together with the current policies and procedures approved by the Committee.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**

- 2. To circulate the Supplementary Testing Manual and the taxi Licensing Enforcement Protocol to trade representatives for comment.**
- 3. To instruct officers to bring further reports to the Committee on:**
 - the National Inspection Standards**
 - any required update to the taxi Licensing Enforcement Protocol and/or the Supplementary testing Manual.**

MINUTES END