

Time Commenced: 6:00pm

Time Finished: 6:52pm

LICENSING COMMITTEE

27 July 2017

Present: Councillor Sandhu (Chair)
Councillors Ashburner, Barker, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, Jackson,
J Khan, S Khan, Pegg, Smale and Winter

In Attendance: Olu Idowu – Head of Legal Services
Mike Kay – Head of Environmental Health and Licensing
Lucie Keeler - Solicitor
Sandra Mansell – Team Leader - Licensing

01/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Froggatt and Poulter.

02/17 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/17 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

05/17 Taxi Licensing Fees and Charges 2017/18

The Committee considered a report which provided information on the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2017/18.

Resolved

- 1. To approve, subject to the consideration of representations, the proposed licence fees and charges for driver, vehicle and operator licences and other charges for 2017/18 set out in appendix 3 of the report.**
- 2. To request the Service Director of Communities, Environment and Regulatory Services to advertise the propose variation of fees.**

- 3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director Communities and Place following consultation with the Chair to consider any representations received within the required period and to take appropriate action if required to address such representations.**
- 4. To approve the new licence fees to become effective from 1 October 2017, subject to there not being any representations received during the period, or where any such representation had been withdrawn.**

06/17 General Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities -
Quarter 4 2016/17

The Committee received a report which provided information on the General Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities - Quarter 4 2016/17.

Resolved to note the report.

07/17 Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities Quarter
4 – 2016/17

The Committee considered a report which provided information on the Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities – Quarter 4 – 2016/17.

Members of the Committee suggested that the Chair write to the operators to get an idea of what percentage of their drivers are registered outside of the city.

Resolved

- 1. To note the report.**
- 2. To request the Chair to write to the operators asking how many of their drivers are registered outside the city.**

08/17 Immigration Act and the Liquor Licensed Sector

The Committee considered a report which stated that from 6 April 2017, the Immigration Act 2016 amended licensing regimes to prevent illegal working in the liquor licensed sector.

The Act prohibited local authorities from issuing Personal and Premises Licenses to anyone who was disqualified by reason of their immigration status.

Licences issued after the implementation date would lapse if the holder's lawful leave or permission to work ends.

The Home Office's Secretary for State would be a Responsible Authority and Immigration Officers would have powers of entry to licensed premises.

Local authorities would discharge their duty by carrying out immigration checks on all liquor licence applications for the sale of alcohol and late night refreshment and consult with The Home Office's Secretary for State.

Resolved to note the report.

09/17 Update on Changes to Taxi Licensing Administration

The Committee considered a report which stated that at Council on 23 November 2016, it was agreed to implement a new taxi licensing administration system for the council and a minimum application threshold criteria.

Committee had also considered these changes on 19 January and 23 March 2017.

The report provided an update on the implementation of these changes and sought approval to delay the application of certain requirements set out in the minimum application criteria to a small number of existing licenced drivers.

Resolved

- 1. To note the information provided on the implementation of the changes made to the taxi licensing administration system.**
- 2. To approve the proposal set out in the report to defer the introduction of the need to obtain and produce a Level 1 functional skills assessment certificate in Maths, English and ICT to before or no later than on application for the next renewal of their drivers licence from 1 July 2018.**
- 3. To approve the proposal set out in the report to defer the introduction of the need to undertake the prescribed mandatory safeguarding training to before or no later than on application for the next renewal of their drivers licence from 1 July 2018.**

MINUTES END