

Time commenced : 6.00 pm
Time finished : 6.30 pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 7 NOVEMBER 2007

Present: Councillor Dhamrait (Chair)
Councillors Hird, Jennings, S Khan, Leeming, Lowe, Rawson, Redfern
and Skelton.

24/07 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baxter, Berry, Hussain and Jackson.

25/07 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

26/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

27/07 Exhaust Emission Standards for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles

The Taxi Licensing and Appeals Committee considered a report from the Interim Director – Environmental Services, asking them to revisit its decision of 17 October 2007. Members were told that following the meeting on 17 October it was found that the implications of the decision, in particular the resolution to introduce the Euro 4 standard for new vehicles would have been extremely difficult to achieve.

The Committee noted that although the EC Directive set out an implementation date of January 2005 for the Euro 4 standard, it did not come fully into force until 1 January 2007 and that exemptions still existed for certain limited types of vehicles. Michael Kay, Environmental Health Manager advised members that, at the time of the previous meeting, officers did not have this information and so were unable to advise the Committee accordingly.

Resolved to:

- 1. rescind Minute 18/07,**
- 2. set up a working group to consider the exhaust emission standards and make recommendations to the February 2008 meeting of the Committee,**
- 3. include Councillors Dhamrait, Hird and Jennings and representatives from the taxi trade on the working group.**

MINUTES END