TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 10 APRIL 2014

- Present: Councillor J Khan (Chair) Councillors Barker, Poulter, Roberts and Skelton
- 42/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harwood, Jackson, Keith, Redfern, Sandhu Whitby, F Winter and L Winter

43/13 Late Items to be Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/12 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/12 Disapplication of Private Hire Operator Licence Conditions

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods that set out the disapplication of private hire operator licence conditions.

Resolved to reject the request from Chads Cars Ltd that standard condition 34-38 inclusive were not attached to the Operator's Licence for Chads Cars Ltd, at its next renewal.

47/12 Deregulation Bill 2013-14

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the Deregulation Bill 2013-14.

Members noted that there may be budget implications for the authority should the taxi licence renewal process become every three years.

Resolved to note the contents of the Deregulation Bill 2013-14 in relation to taxi and private hire vehicle legislation.

48/12 Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance Activities – Quarter 4 2013-14

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the taxi licensing administration and compliance activities – quarter 4 2013/14.

Members queried as to whether officers had statistical information available on the number of driver's knowledge tests taken and the pass rate for these. It was noted that this information would be included in future activity reports.

Resolved to note the contents of the report, however the Committee wished to register their concern that the level of serious defects on the inspected vehicles was increasing.