

Time commenced 6:20pm  
Time finished 6:31pm

**TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE  
23 APRIL 2015**

**Present:** Councillor Jackson (Chair)  
Councillors Barker, Eldret, Hezelgrave, Hickson, J Khan, Pegg, Poulter,  
Redfern and Skelton

**31/14 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Holmes, Keith, Sandhu, Whitby and Wright

**32/14 Late Items to be Introduced**

There were no late items.

**33/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**34/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meetings held on 19 February and 18 March 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**35/14 Space Saver Wheel Amendment**

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the Space Saver Wheel Amendment. It was reported that following the decision at February Committee, Councillor Barker raised concern with the Chair and officers regarding the current situation and had proposed an amendment to the wording previously agreed.

Resolved to amend Paragraph 8 of the Council's Specification for Private Hire Vehicles to read:

- 8.1 The spare wheel and tyre must be identical to the size of the four road wheels unless the vehicle's original manufacturer's specification includes provision of a space saver. The use of any space saver wheel must be for emergency purposes only and must be replaced with a full size wheel at the earliest opportunity and in any event, immediately after the fare-paying journey, if any, during which it was fitted to the vehicle, has been completed.**

**Whilst the space saver wheel is in use, the driver must observe the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations in relation to its usage, in particular those relating to speed and loading. The vehicle proprietor and/or operator, as appropriate, must ensure that the driver is aware of this requirement;**

- 8.2 For the avoidance of doubt, use of a space saver wheel on a vehicle is solely at the discretion of the driver and the condition in paragraph 8.1 is not to be regarded as an instruction by the Council, to the driver, to use a space saver wheel.**

## **36/14 Executive Car Exemption Policy**

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the Executive Car Exemption Policy. It was reported that the cross party working group had considered the comments received from the consultation exercise. It was noted that Members on the group were satisfied that the proposals did not compromise public safety or effective compliance. Members were informed that the fees and charges considered necessary were similar to the fees and charges currently in place for other hackney carriage and private hire licences issued and were set to recover the total costs incurred in providing the service.

**Resolved to approve the Executive Car Exemption Policy and the associated fees and charges.**

MINUTES END