

Time commenced 6:26 pm
Time finished 6:56 pm

**TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

Present: Councillor J Khan (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Eldret, Hezelgrave, A Holmes, Keith, Pegg, Poulter,
Skelton, Whitby and Wright

06/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hickson,
Jackson and Sandhu.

07/14 Late Items to be Introduced

There were no late items.

08/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

09/14 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 July 2014 were agreed as a
correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the removal of Councillor
Roberts from the attendance list and the addition of Councillor Wright.

**10/14 Taxi Licensing Administration and Compliance
Activities – Quarter 1 (2014/15)**

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods on the activities the taxi licensing service had
undertaken during quarter 1 of the 2014/15 financial year.

Members were disappointed to understand that it was becoming
increasingly difficult to carry out multi agency enforcement work with the
resources available within the relevant agencies. It was noted that
correspondence had been received from Derbyshire Constabulary
stating that should any future enforcement work be required there
would be a charge for this. The Committee stated that enforcement
work was an important part of partnership working and the Local
Authority during parts of this required Police assistance to meet certain
regulations. Members felt that further explanation should be sought
from Derbyshire Constabulary and requested that officers write to the
Superintendent Gary Parkin at Derby Constabulary and the Police

Commissioner to seek an explanation as to the change proposed. The Committee also requested that an invitation be extended to Gary Parkin for him to attend the next meeting of the Committee to allow him to share this information with them.

The Committee were provided with the latest details of the outstanding drivers that had not yet completed the NVQ. It was noted that the numbers outstanding were still high but that procedures were in place to deal with any licensed drivers should they continue to drive after the cut off date.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the contents of the report;**
- 2. to request that Mike Kay, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing write to Derbyshire Constabulary and the Police Commissioner asking for clarification on the charging proposals;**
- 3. to request that Mike Kay, Head of Environmental Health and Licensing invite a representative from Derbyshire Constabulary to the next meeting of the Committee to share this information with Members.**