

ITEM 4

Time commenced 6:32 pm
Time finished 7:10 pm

TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE 20 APRIL 2011

Present: Councillor Hird (in the Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Barker, Berry, Harwood, Jackson, Redfern, Skelton, Whitby
and F Winter

22/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chera, S Khan and L Winter

23/10 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

24/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25/10 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 February 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

26/10 Criminal Records Bureau Fees

The Environmental Health Manager, Mike Kay, reported that since the last meeting of the Committee where the fees and charges for Licensable activities had been set, the cost of a Criminal Records Bureau check had risen. Since the Licensing Authority directly re-charged the cost directly to an applicant, it was proposed that the schedule of fees and charges be amended to replace a stated cost (previously £36) with "as set by the Criminal Records Bureau". Members asked how much of an increase in cost this would result in and it was reported that the new cost was £44, being an increase of £8.

Resolved to approve the amendment to the taxi licensing fees schedule as set out in the report in relation to the fee for a CRB check

27/10 Rank Provision

The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods which stated that the Connecting Derby programme was in its final stages and changes to the city centre layout had taken place. It was added

that there had been requests from the Taxi trade for more rank spaces in the city centre and a review of the current situation would be helpful.

Members questioned whether there was a saturation point in law where the number of taxi licence could be capped and it was reported that there was not, and that individual authorities had the choice. Members also highlighted the need to consult all stakeholders in the review not just the taxi trade. Members also raised concerns regarding the membership of the organisations attending the Taxi Trade meetings.

Resolved to approve a review of the hackney carriage rank provision in the city.