

Time commenced 6:33 pm
Time finished 7:43 pm

**TAXI LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
3 OCTOBER 2013**

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Barker, Harwood, Keith, S Khan, Poulter, Redfern,
Roberts, Skelton, Roberts, F Whitby and F Winter

18/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Khan and L
Winter.

19/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20/12 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 August 2013 were agreed as a
correct record and signed by the Chair.

21/12 Testing Standard's for Licensed Vehicles

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods on the proposed supplementary testing manual
appendices. Previous Committee had considered a comparison of
testing standards for licensed vehicles and resolved to instruct the
Director of Environmental and Regulatory Services to report back to
Members with an amended supplementary testing manual.

**Resolved to authorise the Service Director, Environmental and
Regulatory Services, to go out to consultation with the Approved
Garages on the proposed amended Supplementary Testing
Manual set out in appendices 2-5 and report back the findings for
further consideration at a future committee meeting with
recommendations for final approval.**

22/12 Review of Sub-Committee Guidelines

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of
Neighbourhoods on the review of the Sub-Committee Guidelines.
Members noted that these guidelines were used when considering their
decisions at Sub-Committee.

The Committee agreed that a working group be formed to review the guidelines and felt that the membership should include the Chair and Vice Chair and a representative from the Liberal Democrat Group, Councillor Skelton was nominated for this role.

Resolved:

- 1. To agree to review the Sub-Committee guidelines;**
- 2. To agree the formation of, and the nomination of Councillors Jackson, Barker, Harwood, J Khan, Sandhu, and Skelton for, a working group to review the guidelines;**
- 3. To agree to accept a report from the working group at the next meeting of the Committee with recommendations for adoption.**

23/12 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved in accordance with section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

24/12 Review of Approved Garage Contract

The Committee considered a report from the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the approved garage contract. It was reported that concerns had been raised in relation to the testing standards at an approved garage. The report set out the concerns and made recommendations on the action to be taken.

Members noted that the Council were satisfied that a material breach of the agreement with the approved garage had occurred.

Resolved to terminate the contractual agreement with the approved garage for the provision of garage services for the inspection and testing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles on the basis of material breach.