

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

18TH NOVEMBER 2021

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Colin Hartley (Chair), Mel Guilding (Vice-Chair), Mandy Bannon, Roger Dennison, June Greenwell, Joan Jackson, Abi Mills and Jean Parr.

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Paul Anderton and Merv Evans

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Tom Mitchell	Lawyer
Sarah Jones	Licensing Officer
Sarah Moorghen	Democratic Support Officer
Alec Reid	Democratic Support Officer

### 25 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th October 2021 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 26 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

### 27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 28 PROPOSED LICENSING WORK PLAN 2022

The Licensing Manager presented a report to seek the Committee's approval (with or without modification) of the proposed Licensing work plan for 2022.

The Licensing Manager drew Members' attention to Appendix 1, which provided an overview of planned project work for the year 2022 and the changes since 2019, particularly the new Taxi Policy, the review of Hackney Carriage Policy, and the Council's registration with the Anti-Fraud Network.

The Committee was advised that the Council hoped that there would be an increase in the number of registered taxi drivers in 2022.

A Member expressed concern that the licensing of itinerant trade might lead to cases of traders moving into the district without adhering to the required standards. The Licensing Manager said she would discuss the matter with the Public Realm department.

Members requested that consideration of Taxi fares and the implementation of the Taxi Licensing Policy be given the greatest priority.

It was moved by Councillor Roger Dennison and seconded by Councillor Mel Guilding:

That the attached draft Licensing work plan for 2022 be approved by the Committee.

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

***Resolved:***

That the attached draft Licensing work plan for 2022 be approved by the Committee.

**29 EXEMPT ITEM**

The Chair advised Members that it had been recommended to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information.

It was moved by Councillor Roger Denison and seconded by Councillor Joan Jackson:

“That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.”

A vote was taken and unanimously carried.

***Resolved:***

That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, on the grounds it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

**30 EXISTING DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE HOLDER (PAGE 3)**

The Committee received the report of the Licensing Manager for the purpose of determining a review of an existing dual Drivers Licence.

Details of the individual case and the Chair’s summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No. 30 in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

***Decision of the Committee:***

The decision of the Committee is set out in Exempt Minute No 30.

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Chair

(The meeting ended at 1.45 p.m.)

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By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A  
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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