

LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

17TH NOVEMBER 2022

PRESENT:- Councillors Colin Hartley (Chair), Mike Greenall (Vice-Chair), Gerry Blaikie, Andrew Gardiner, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Sally Maddocks and Margaret Pattison

Apologies for Absence

Councillors Fabiha Askari and Roger Cleet

Officers in attendance:

Rephael Walmsley	Senior Solicitor
Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Sarah Jones	Licensing Officer
Liz Bateson	Principal Democratic Support Officer
Claire Helme	Democratic Support Officer

47 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14 October 2022 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

48 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of Urgent Business.

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at this point.

The Chair advised the meeting of a revision to the order of the agenda with the exempt item being considered as the last item on the agenda.

50 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AREA DEMAND SURVEY

The Licensing Manager presented a report to update members on the proposed Hackney Carriage Area Demand Survey 2022/23. It was noted that the Council had a policy of restricting the number of Hackney Carriage licences issued and in maintaining such a policy had to provide evidence that there was no significant unmet demand for Hackney Carriage services within the area in order to be in a position to refuse any new applications for additional licences.

It was considered necessary to commission an independent survey to assess the level of demand for hackney carriage services, and that such survey should be conducted by an organisation specialising in this area of work. In 2019/20 a hackney carriage area demand survey was carried out by on the Council's behalf by LVSA (Licensed Vehicle Surveys and Analysis) and at that time, the survey concluded that there was no significant unmet demand for hackney carriages. The cap was therefore maintained at 108.

There was a general acceptance that the findings of hackney carriage demand surveys were valid for no longer than three years and therefore a further survey should be undertaken in the coming months. Following a discussion with Ian Millership of LVSA, a

quote and associated scope of the survey was offered and agreed by the Licensing Manager.

The proposed scope of the survey was appended to the report. The findings of the survey and a subsequent report would be presented to Licensing Committee members at a future meeting.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

51 EXEMPT ITEM

It was moved by Councillor Greenall, seconded by Councillor Gardiner and unanimously agreed:

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 two items of business, on the grounds they could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

52 DETERMINATION OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION OF A DUAL DRIVER'S LICENCE (HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE) (PAGES 4 - 5)

The Committee received the report of the Licensing Manager for the purpose of determining a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage & Private Hire) renewal application.

Details of the individual case and the Chair's summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No. 52 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 52.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 1.54 p.m.)

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