

**LICENSING REGULATORY
COMMITTEE**

1.00 P.M.

23RD NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Hartley (Chairman), Terrie Metcalfe (Vice-Chairman),
Alan Biddulph, Mel Guilding, Tim Hamilton-Cox, Joan Jackson,
Janice Hanson and Robert Redfern

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Susie Charles

Officers in Attendance:

Stephen Sylvester	Commercial Protection Manager
Luke Gorst	Solicitor
David Eglin	Licensing Enforcement Officer
Marie Sharkey	Licensing Enforcement Officer
Jane Glenton	Democratic Support Officer

33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2017 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

34 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no items of urgent business.

35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

36 EXEMPT ITEM

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

It was moved by Councillor Redfern 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 the motion was 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 that it could involve the possible disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act.

37 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - IAN KARL ROBERT PARKER (PAGES 5 - 7)

The Committee considered the report of the Commercial Protection Manager, which enabled Members to consider whether to suspend or revoke Mr. Parker's dual hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence in response to his temporary disqualification for a road traffic conviction.

Details of the individual case and the Chairman's summary of the decision are set out in Exempt Minute No. 37, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Decision of the Committee:

That Mr. Parker's hackney carriage and private hire dual driver's licence be revoked.

38 PUBLIC ITEM

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting at this point.

39 STREET COLLECTION PERMITS 2018

The Committee received the report of the Commercial Protection Manager, which enabled Members to consider the setting of quotas for street collection permits for 2018 and minor amendments to the policy and procedure relating to the same.

It was reported that the local regulations set out a clear framework for managing demand for street collection permits and sought to offer a fair balance between requests to carry out collections from different organisations and to minimise potential disruption to the public. However, there was no scope built into the current system for flexibility to reflect local demand.

Members noted that there was a greater demand for street collection permits in Lancaster, and that the majority were from local charities. It was reported that the demand for permits varied throughout the year, with peak times around the Christmas and holiday periods.

Permit applications had recently been received, which would not normally have been granted within the current framework, due to them having been received without the one month minimum notice period, the charity already having had a permit in the same year, or the permit quota for local permits had been reached for the year.

It was proposed that, in order to address these issues, minor alterations should be made to the local regulations, namely:

- reduce the desired notice period to 14 days and include the caveat that applications received without the 14 days' notice will be processed, but cannot be guaranteed to be authorised by the date of the event;
- allow a charity to arrange up to a maximum of 3 collections each year, but **only one** in reach of the 3 designated areas – Lancaster, Morecambe or Rural;
- to remove the split between National and Local Charities.

It was proposed that the allocation for street collection permits for 2018 should be:

- Lancaster – 40
- Morecambe – 30
- Rural – 10

Following debate, it was proposed by Councillor Metcalfe and seconded by Councillor Redfern:

“That the recommendation set out in the report be approved.”

Upon being put to the vote, Members voted unanimously in favour of the proposition, whereupon the Chairman declared the proposal to be carried.

Resolved:

- (1) That the allocation for street collection permits for 2018 be:
 - Lancaster – 40
 - Morecambe – 30
 - Rural – 10.
- (2) That the following alterations be made to the local regulations:
 - reduce the desired notice period to 14 days and include the caveat that applications received without the 14 days' notice be processed, but cannot be guaranteed to be authorised by the date of the event;
 - allow a charity to arrange up to a maximum of 3 collections each year, but **only one** in each of the 3 designated areas – Lancaster, Morecambe or Rural;
 - to remove the split between National and Local Charities.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 1.50 p.m.)

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