

LICENSING COMMITTEE

1.00 P.M.

10TH APRIL 2025

PRESENT:- Councillors Paul Tynan (Chair), Margaret Pattison (Vice-Chair), Louise Belcher, Gerry Blaikie, Martin Bottoms, Maria Deery, Andrew Gardiner and John Hanson

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Claire Cozler and Sally Maddocks

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Daniel Spencer	Lawyer
David Eglin	Licensing Officer
Sarah Moorghen	Democratic Support Officer

49 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR

There were no items of urgent business.

50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

With the agreement of the Committee the Chair amended the order of the agenda to take Item 6 - Existing Dual Drivers Licence Holder (Hackney Carriage/Private Hire), first.

51 EXEMPT ITEM

It was moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Blaikie 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 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

52 EXISTING DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE HOLDER (HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE)

The Committee received the report of the Licensing Officer for the purpose of determining a dual driver's licence (Hackney Carriage and 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.

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

53 PROPOSED LICENSING FEES 2025/26 – CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The Licensing Manager presented a report which requested the Committee to consider responses to the public consultation for proposed licence fees for the coming year and set such fees with or without modification.

It was reported that, at the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 6th February 2025 members had considered a report in relation to licence fees for the coming financial year 2025/26. As required by legislation, the proposed fees had been subject to public consultation which ran from Thursday 13th February to Friday 14th March 2025.

The Committee was advised that two consultation responses had been received as part of the process, both from existing licence holders, one was which was submitted via an elected member. The consultation responses were appended to the report for members consideration.

It was proposed by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Bottoms and unanimously agreed:-

Resolved:

That the fees for Taxi, Private Hire and Miscellaneous licences 2025/26 be set as agreed at the meeting of the 6th February 2025 to take effect on the 1st May 2025.

Chair

(The meeting ended at 1.50 p.m.)

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