

## **Licensing and Appeals Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016**

#### **Present**

Councillor Longsdon (in the Chair)  
Councillors Barrett, Connolly, Evans, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hughes, Loughman,  
Ludford, Madeleine Monaghan Paul and Stone.

#### **Apologies**

Councillor S. Judge.

#### **LAP/16/17 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 6 June 2016 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

#### **Decision**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016.

#### **LAP/16/18 Unmet Demand Survey September 2015**

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing. This report provided information relating to a request from Eyetease, a firm who specialise in the use of vehicles roof advertisements, that the Committee consider an amendment to Section 2 of the Statement of Policy (conditions of fitness, application process and guidelines relating to hackney carriage vehicles) to include the use of 'Roof Top' advertisements for hackney carriage vehicles.

The Principal Licensing Officer presented the report and explained the scope and concept of the contents. A representative of Eyetease addressed the Committee and invited them to inspect an example of the proposed roof top advertisement equipment that was fitted to a display vehicle. The Committee agreed to the request and inspected the vehicle.

The Committee considered the issues raised in the later representation from Manchester Black Cabs and requested further information about the height restrictions to many municipal and public car parks of 2.0 meters, which would preclude vehicles with the roof top equipment from accessing these areas. The Committee expressed concern that some of the current height restrictions in car parks did not appear to comply with DDA recommendations and requested that officers investigate this issue in more detail. The Committee agreed that a deferment of the decision to amend Section 2 of the Statement of Policy would be appropriate in the circumstances.

#### **Decision**

1. To defer the decision to amend Section 2 of the Statement of Policy to a later date to be specified.

2. To request that officers further investigate 2.0 metre height restrictions in car park entrances and whether this height restriction complies with DDA requirements.