

Licensing and Appeals Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2017

Present

Councillor Ludford (in the Chair)
Councillors Austin-Behan, Barrett, Cookson, Connolly, Evans, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hughes, Paul and Stone

Apologies

Councillors Longsden, Loughman and Madeleine Monaghan

LAP/17/18 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on 11 September 2017 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2017

LAP/17/19 Consideration of the Suitability of Vehicles to be Licensed to Operate within Manchester as Hackney Carriage(s)

5A Mercedes Benz – Vito Taxi CDI Compact 114 Blue Tec

5B Ford Tourneo Custom (Ford Pro Cab)

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing. The report requested that the Committee considered representations from individuals wishing the Committee to consider the suitability of vehicles to be licensed in Manchester as Hackney Carriage vehicles. The Committee also inspected both vehicles in person during the course of the meeting.

The Committee also heard representation from GMCDP (Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People) with regard to the suitability of the vehicles.

The Committee decided that the matter should be sent for a wide ranging consultation with members of the Trade, disabled people and their advocates and representatives of age friendly Manchester before making a final decision as to the suitability of either vehicle to be licensed in Manchester as hackney carriage vehicles.

Decision

To refer the matter for a wide ranging consultation exercise.

LAP/17/20 Exclusion of the public

Officers considered that the following item contains confidential information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Licensing and Appeals Committee Hearing Panel is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items.

Decision

To exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting.

LAP/17/21 Consideration of New and Renewal Applications and Reviews of Licences Relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing. This report related to the renewal application for a hackney carriage vehicle proprietor licence, which is currently not attached to a vehicle. The proprietor of the licence submitted the renewal application for the vehicle on 25 August 2017 'out of time' as the vehicle licence in question expired on 2 August 2017.

The Committee carefully considered all of the representations, and were not satisfied that the explanation offered by the proprietor was sufficient mitigation to allow the renewal out of time.

Decision

To refuse to grant the renewal.