

## **Licensing and Appeals Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2017**

#### **Present**

Councillor Longsdon (in the Chair)

Councillors Barrett, Cookson, Connolly, Evans, Grimshaw, Hassan, Hughes, Ludford and Stone

#### **Apologies**

Councillors Austin-Behan, Loughman, Madeleine Monaghan, Paul,

#### **LAP/17/22 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 23 October 2017 were submitted for consideration as a correct record.

#### **Decision**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2017

#### **LAP/17/23 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

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 had previously agreed 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.

In the interim period the Committee agreed that the application from this individual driver to exempt this vehicle from the current policy to allow the Mercedes Benz - Vito Taxi CDI Compact 114 Blue Tec to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage on HV1111 pending the outcome of the wider Policy Consultation and Review. In addition the Committee agreed that this application would be allowed 'grandfather rights' in the event that it is not given wider exemption following the Policy Review.

The Committee also agreed that further applications from other individuals would be considered on a case by case basis by the Committee rather than being delegated to officers.

## **Decision**

1. To grant the application for the Mercedes Benz - Vito Taxi CDI Compact 114 Blue Tec to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage on HV1111.
2. To allow the Mercedes Benz - Vito Taxi CDI Compact 114 Blue Tec to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage on HV1111 with grandfather rights in the event that it is not given wider exemption following the Policy Review.
3. To agree that any further application would be considered on a case by case basis by the Committee.