

## Licensing and Appeals Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2019

**Present:** Councillors Ludford – In the Chair

**Councillors:** Grimshaw, Evans, Flanagan, Hughes, Jeavons, T Judge, Lynch, McHale, Reid and Lyons

**Apologies:** Councillors Madeleine Monaghan and Stone

#### LAP/19/03                      Minutes

##### Decision

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2019 as a correct record.

#### LAP/19/04                      Hackney Carriage Vehicle Policy – Consideration of temporary extension to the age limit

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing that described that the Hackney Trade representatives have put forward a proposal for a temporary extension to the current age limit contained within the existing Hackney Vehicle Age Policy. The report set out the rationale behind the proposal and provides the Committee with relevant information, considerations, risks and options to support a balanced and informed decision.

A representative from the Hackney Trade addressed the Committee and commented that it would be appropriate to extend the vehicle age limit pending completion of the clean air plan so that the GM Minimum Standards were finalised before drivers changed their vehicles.

##### Decision

The Committee recommend that;

1. The HCV age limit is extended to a maximum of 13 years from the date of first registration stating:

*No Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence will be issued or renewed (including replacement vehicles) for a vehicle more than 13 years since the date of first registration in this or any other country.*

2. The extension is limited to a maximum of 12 months and is subject to further review/amendment following GM Minimum Standards proposals.

## **LAP/19/05                      Allocation of Hackney Carriage Proprietor Licences**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Building Control and Licensing that provided information regarding 4 hackney carriage proprietor licenses no longer issued, and, in line with the policy should be re-allocated by instigating the 'Random Selection Process'.

The random selection process was outlined and copies of the criterion, proposed letter to the trade and 'expression of interest' applications were attached to the report.

The report further recommended that the random selection process remained in place at this time until the outcome of the 2019/20 Licensing Survey was known. This would include an unmet demand survey that would determine if any further licences were required to be issued.

### **Decisions**

1. That the Committee agree to the instigation of a random selection process for the reallocation of the following plates: HV0040, HV0352, HV0501, HV1014
2. The Committee agree that following the allocation of the 4 hackney carriage proprietor licences, the random selection process is temporarily closed but remains in place until the outcome of the Licensing Survey 2019/20. This is on the basis that this includes an unmet demand survey that would determine whether any further licences need to be issued.

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### **Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Grimshaw – In the Chair

**Councillors:** Evans, Flanagan, Hughes, Jeavons, T Judge, Lynch, Lyons, Reid and Stone

**Apologies:** Councillors Ludford, Andrews, McHale and Madeleine Monaghan

**LAP/19/11                      Minutes**

#### **Decision**

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019, as a correct record.

**LAP/19/12                      Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Quarterly Compliance Report – Quarter 4 2018/19**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Planning, Building Control and Licensing to inform the Committee of the compliance work undertaken by the Licensing Unit for the period January – March 2019.

#### **Decision**

To note the report submitted.

**LAP/19/13                      Exclusion of Press and Public**

Officers considered that the following item contain 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/19/14                      Application relating to the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietor Licence**

The Committee considered an application for the renewal of hackney carriage vehicle proprietor licence HV1067. The proprietor of the licence had submitted the renewal application for the vehicle over 7 weeks after the vehicle licence expired.

The applicant attended the hearing with his represented and was supported by an interpreter and addressed the Committee and answered questions.

The Committee also heard the submission of the licensing officer.

**Decision**

To allow the renewal of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Proprietors Licence HV1067.