



Minutes

Name of meeting	LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date and time	MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 4.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Colin Richards (Chairman), Reg Barry, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, John Hobart, John Howe, Daryll Pitcher
Also Present (non-voting)	Cllr Paul Fuller
Officers Present	Kayleigh Bowers, Amanda Gregory, Justin Thorne, Kevin Winchcombe
Apologies	Cllrs Charles Chapman, Steve Stubbings

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [22 December 2014](#) be confirmed.

11. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

12. **Reports of the Head of Planning and Regulatory Services**

(a) [Policy Relating to the Relevance of Convictions for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers and Pleasure Boatmen](#)

The Committee was advised that the policy update was due to a change in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

Members raised concerns around unclear wording within the policy which related to indecency offences and were advised that it would need to be rephrased to ensure clarity.

There was some concern with regard to the time it took for notification of convictions to be received. Clarification was given on the channels through which updates on convictions were obtained.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

THAT the Policy relating to the Relevance of Convictions for Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers and Pleasure Boatmen be approved.

(b) [Permissions for the Placing of Tables, Chairs, A-Boards and Other Objects on the Highway Policy](#)

After receiving legal advice, members were informed that the Licensing Committee had the power to set the fee relating to applications for placing objects or structures on, in or over a highway.

As a result of this, it was noted that the wording of option 2 had been changed to read 'To approve the fee as detailed in paragraph 34 of this report'. Therefore, it was agreed that the application fee would not need to be recommended to the Executive for approval.

An update was provided on late written representations from Newport Parish Council. Concerns regarding boundary barriers and land rental were also addressed.

The purpose of the policy was to ensure that the position of items on the highway was done so in a safe way for both pedestrians and road users.

Concerns were raised regarding the placement of A-boards. Members asked whether any evidence existed in relation to the number of recorded accidents; however, no official evidence existed to show how many accidents had been reported. It was noted that the applicant would be liable for any potential accidents.

Members sought clarification as to whether the public would know whether A-boards had been licensed. The Committee was advised that all licenses issued were listed online, and that a map would be issued to the licence holder displaying the agreed position of the A-board.

Members emphasised the need to involve Town and Parish Councils in the placement of A-boards, and the Committee was advised that Town and Parish Councils and members of the public would have the opportunity to comment.

RESOLVED :

- i) THAT the fee be approved.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

- ii) THAT the draft Permissions for the Placing of Tables, Chairs, A-Boards and Other Objects on the Highway Policy be adopted.

(c) [Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy](#)

The new policy provided clear guidance on the application process and the determination of taxi related applications.

Following legal advice, it was noted that the Committee had the power to approve the revised fees for a 1, 2 or 3 year Hackney and Private Hire Driver's Licence. Therefore, it was agreed that the wording of option 2 would be changed to read 'To adopt the revised fees for a 1, 2 or 3 year Hackney and Private Hire Driver's Licence as detailed in paragraph 33 of this report'.

There was some discussion as to how the renewal of licences would be regulated. Members were informed that licence holders would be notified 1 month in advance of their renewal date.

RESOLVED :

- i) THAT the revised fees for a 1, 2 or 3 year Hackney and Private Hire Drivers Licence be adopted.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

- ii) THAT the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be adopted with an implementation date of 1 August 2015.

CHAIRMAN