

## Decision Summary

**Committee:** Licensing and Safety Committee  
**Date:** 19 September 2011  
**Committee Clerk:** David Gordon  
**Tel:** 01484 221000

### Chair

Councillor Masood Ahmed

### Councillors Attended

Jim Dodds, Derek John Hardcastle, Mumtaz Hussain, Khizar Iqbal, Christine Mary Iredale, John Craig Lawson, Adrian Murphy, Rochelle Louise Parchment, Cathy Scott, Mohan S Sokhal, Christine Stanfield, Amanda L Stubley

### Apologies

Councillors Burke and Ward

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### 1. Membership of the committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

**Decision:** Councillor Lawson substituted for Councillor Burke.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 March 2011.

**Decision:** Approved as a correct record.

### 3. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda about which they might have a personal interest which prevents them from taking part in the discussions. They could be financial or some other reason. A form is attached for completion by Councillors if they have an interest in any of the items to be discussed at the meeting. Please complete this form and return it to the Committee Officer at the end of the meeting.

**Decision:** No interests were declared.

#### **4. Admission of the public**

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

**Decision:** Agreed that all the items on the Agenda be taken in public session.

#### **5. Deputations / Petitions**

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public.

A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

**Decision:** No deputations/petitions were received.

#### **6. Public question time**

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

**Decision:** No questions were asked.

#### **7. Bradford Road/Hick Lane, Batley - Hackney Carriage Rank**

To reconsider the decision taken at the last meeting of the Committee to remove/revoke the Rank.

**Contact:** Catherine Walter 01484 456860

**Wards Affected:** Batley East, Batley West

**Decision:** (1) That the Hackney Carriage Rank at Bradford Road/Hick Lane, Batley be reinstated and that a report reviewing activities at the Rank be submitted to the Committee in six months time.

(2) That, in the meantime, discussions take place between the Licensing Department, Highways, the Police, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade and Oakwell Cars and Street Cars.

## **8. Penalty Points System for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles**

To consider a proposal to abandon the Penalty Points Scheme in favour a Reward Scheme.

**Contact:** Catherine Walter 01484 456860 / Neal Fearn 01484 221552

**Wards Affected:** All

**Decision:** That the Penalty Points Scheme be abandoned and that a Reward Scheme be introduced.

(Under the provisions of the Council's Procedure Rule No. 42(4) Councillors Iredale, Parchment, Lawson and Murphy asked for it to be recorded that they had voted against the decision taken by the Committee.

## **9. Advertising Material Displayed on Licensed Vehicles**

To determine whether licensed vehicles should be allowed to display additional advertising material.

**Contact:** Catherine Walter 01484 456860 / Neal Fearn 01484 221552

**Wards Affected:** All

**Decision:** That approval be given to adopt an Advertising Policy to allow Hackney Carriage vehicles only to display additional advertising material, which be subject to the Advertising Policy containing the following conditions:-

(a) Vehicles must have a CCTV camera fitted, which complies with the approved Council system.

(b) An Annual Fee to be paid to the Council.

(c) Cigarette and alcohol advertising be not allowed.

(d) Advertising to be restricted to a maximum of the four bottom door panels of vehicles.

(e) Each application received to be submitted to the Regulatory Panel for consideration.

## **10. House to House Collections**

To seek approval to carry out a full consultation on the Draft House to House Collections Policy.

**Contact:** Catherine Walter 01484 456860 / Neal Fearn 01484 221552

**Wards Affected:** All

**Decision:** That approval be given for the Draft House to House Collections Policy to be circulated for consultation to all relevant organisations and that a final draft of the policy be submitted to the Committee for formal adoption.

## **11. Private Hire Operators**

To seek approval for Officers to develop a full training course and carry out consultation in respect of Private Hire Operators.

**Contact:** Catherine Walter 01484 456860 / Neal Fearn 01484 221552

**Wards Affected:** All

**Decision:** That approval be given for Officers to develop a Private Hire Operator Training Course to be circulated for consultation and that a final draft of the Training Course be submitted to the Committee for approval for implementation.