

Decision Summary

Committee: Licensing and Safety Committee
Date: 24 September 2013
Committee Clerk: Jenny Bryce-Chan
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Chair

Cllr Mumtaz Hussain

Councillors Attended

Donna K Bellamy, Tony Brice, Jim Dodds, Steve Hall, Derek John Hardcastle, Hilary S Richards, David Ridgway, Phil Scott, Mohan S Sokhal, Amanda L Stubley

1. Minutes of previous meetings

To approve the Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 26 March and 22 May 2013.

Decision: The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on the 26 March and 22 May 2013, were approved as a correct record.

2. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests

Decision: No interests were declared.

3. 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: The Committee considered the question of the exclusion of the public and determined that all the items be taken in public session.

4. 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 or petitions were received.

5. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Decision: No questions were asked.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

6. Taxi and Sex Shop Licensing Fees

To seek approval to determine new fees for discretionary licensing fees for taxi and private hire sex shop licensing.

Contact: Catherine Walter, Licensing Manager - 01484 456860

Decision:

- a) That approval be given to an increase across all discretionary fees covering taxi and private hire licencing.
- b) That consideration be given to introducing fees on a sliding scale for operators with more than 3 vehicles.
- c) That approval be given introducing pro-rata licence fees for vechicles approaching their 10 year age limit.
- d) That approval be given to the revised fees for the licencing of sex shops.

7. Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013

To seek approval for the process for the determination of the relevant fees that will be charged for applications made under the provisions of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

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Decision: That approval be given to the process for the determination of relevant fees and charges for applications made under the provisions of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

8. Horse Drawn Hackney Carriage

To agree a policy for the licensing of Horse Drawn Hackney carriages, vehicles and drivers.

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Decision: a) That the draft policy be agreed.
b) That following discussion with a veterinary surgeon, the policy be revised to include information on appropriate rest breaks for horses.