

Decision Summary

Committee: Licensing and Safety Committee
Date: 11 February 2015
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Chair

Councillor David Ridgway

Councillors Attended

Bill Armer, Donna K Bellamy, Tony Brice, Jim Dodds, Eric Firth, Steve Hall, Derek John Hardcastle, Erin Hill, Christine Iredale, Terry Lyons, Abdul Patel, Hilary S Richards, Mohan S Sokhal

1. Membership of the Committee

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

Decision: Councillor Eric Firth substituted for Councillor Masood Ahmed.
Councillor Terry Lyons substituted for Councillor Karen Allison.
Councillor Donna Bellamy substituted for Councillor Andrew Palfreeman.

2. Appointment of Chair

To appoint a Chair for the meeting.

Decision: Councillor David Ridgway was appointed chair of the meeting.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held 15 October 2014.

Decision: Minutes of meeting held on 15 October 2015 agreed as a correct record.

4. 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.

5. 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: That all agenda items be considered in public session.

6. 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.

7. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

Decision: No questions were asked.

8. Constitutions – Revised Scheme of Delegation

The Panel will consider a report informing them of the amendments to the scheme of delegation in relation to the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Decision: That the report be noted.

9. Taxi & Private Hire Licensing – Appointment System

The Panel will consider a report informing them of the appointments system currently operated by the Licensing Service.

Decision: That the report be noted.

10. Taxi & Private Hire Licensing – 3 year badges

The Panel will consider a report informing them of current matters that are of relevance to the taxi licensing functions.

Decision: That the report be noted.

11. Revised Convictions Criteria – General

The Panel will consider a report seeking approval of the revision of the Policy on the relevance of criminal conduct, unsavoury conduct and complaints against Licence Holders and Applicants for licences.

Decision: That the revisions within the Assessment Criteria and Convictions Policy for licenced drivers be accepted and approved for immediate implementation.

12. Revised Convictions Criteria – 9 points

The Panel will consider a report seeking a decision regarding a revision within paragraph 20 of the Policy on the relevance of criminal conduct, unsavoury conduct and complaints against Licence Holders and Applicants for licences.

Decision: That paragraph 20 of the Assessment Criteria and Convictions Policy for Licensed Drivers be amended to read "existing drivers who have accumulated 9 or more penalty points on their DVLA driving licence will, at their own expense, be required as soon as practically possible to take an extended driving test arranged by the council. In the event that the driver failed the test his/her Hackney Carriage/private hire licence will be revoked"

13. Sexual Entertainment Venues

The Panel will consider a report seeking a decision regarding the adoption of the amended Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 in relation to the introduction of a policy relating to sex establishments, and the licensing of a new category of sex establishment called sexual entertainment venue.

Decision: That the adoption of the Sexual Entertainment Venue Policy in relation to sex establishments be approved.