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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 15 October 2014

Present: Councillor Hussain in the Chair
Councillors Allison, Armer, Brice, Dodds, Hall, Hardcastle, Hill, Iredale,
Patel, Richards, Ridgway, Sokhal

1 Membership of the Committee

Councillor Bellamy substituted for Cllr Palfreeman.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 4 June 2014 were approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the public

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

5 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

7 Assessment Criteria & Convictions Policy

The Committee considered a report seeking approval to introduce an Assessment Criteria and Convictions Policy for Licensed Drivers.

The submitted report indicated that Kirklees Council had not previously had a specific policy to assess the suitability of applicants for joint hackney carriage and private hire license in the district. Assessment has always been made against the Department of Transport Circulars 2/92 and Home Office Circular 13/92 which are now considered to be out of date.

RESOLVED: - That approval be given to the introduction of the Assessment Criteria and Convictions Policy, following amendments to the wording contained in Section 7 of the report.

8 Revised Licensing Policy Statement

The Secretary of State requires all Licensing Policies to be reviewed every five years and in accordance with the SOS guidance the committee was asked to consider the revised licencing policy for Kirklees for 2015-2020.

RESOLVED: - That approval be given to the adoption of the revised Licensing Policy Statement.

9 Unmet Demand Survey

The Committee was asked to consider a report which outlined whether the Council should continue to impose quantity restrictions of Hackney Carriage Licences. The present legal provision on quantity restrictions for Hackney Carriages outside London is set out in Section 16 Transport Act 1985.

The Committee was advised that Kirklees Council currently restricts the number of Hackney Carriage licences to 249 for the whole of the district.

RESOLVED - That the Council will continue to impose quantity restrictions on the numbers of Hackney Carriage Licences.