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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 18 JULY 2017

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Chair

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillors Attended

M Akhtar, R Eastwood, J Homewood, A U Pinnock, C Scott, M Sokhal and J Dodds

Apologies

Councillor Manisha Roma Kaushik, Councillor Kath Taylor and Councillor Linda Wilkinson

1 Membership of the Committee

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

Councillor John Lawson substituted for Cllr Linda Wilkinson.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held 24 May 2017.

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 24 May 2017 were approved as a correct record.

3 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.

Cllr Cathy Scott declared an interest in relation to item 10, Batley Market Place Taxi Rank due to the fact that she commented on the proposal in her capacity as Ward Councillor, but remained and took part in the discussion.

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.

The committee considered the question of the admission of the public and determined that all items that would be held 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.

No Deputations or Petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were received.

7 Unmet Demand Survey - 2017

The Committee will receive a report outlining the Unmet Demand Survey findings and to consider whether to continue to restrict the number of Hackney Carriage Licences.

That:-

- (1) the Committee decided to continue to restrict the number of Hackney Carriage Licences following consideration of the Unmet Demand Survey Results.

 - (2) the Committee noted that a policy detailing the eligibility criteria for plate allocation will be considered by a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee.
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8 Intended Use Policy - Private Hire Vehicles

The Committee will consider a report seeking approval to introduce an intended use policy and a change to conditions in relation to private hire driver and vehicle licences to enable the Council to protect the safety of the travelling public.

That consideration of the report be deferred to a future meeting of the committee.

9 Executive Status of Private Hire Vehicles

The Committee will consider a report seeking approval to alter the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions to allow officers to take decisions on executive status.

That:-

- (1) the Committee approved the introduction of the Executive Status Policy.

 - (2) the Committee delegated responsibility from the Regulatory Panel to the Licensing Manager to determine all future applications based on the Executive Status Policy.
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10 Batley Market Place Taxi Rank

The Committee will consider a report on the rank's operating hours and amount of vehicles.

That:-

- (1) the Committee approved the retention of the Hackney Carriage stands in Batley Mark Place.

 - (2) the Committee reduced the number of ranks to 2 vehicles and reduced the hours of operation of the rank to between 18.00 and 08.00.
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