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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2023

Jenny Bryce-Chan

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Chair

Councillor Amanda Pinnock

Councillors Attended

Councillor Carole Pattison

Councillor Moses Crook

Councillor James Homewood

Councillor Jo Lawson

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Councillor Adam Gregg

Councillor Karen Allison

Attendees:

David Stickley, Senior Legal Officer

Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader

Russell Williams, Operational Manager, Public Protection

Apologies

Councillor Melanie Stephen,

Councillor Adam Zaman,

Councillor Paola Antonia Davies

Councillor Andrew Marchington

1 Membership of the Committee

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Melanie Stephen, Councillor, Councillor Adam Zaman, Councillor Paola Davies and Councillor Andrew Marchington.

Councillor John Lawson substituted for Councillor Paola Davies.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 5th October 2022.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October be 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.

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.

All agenda items were considered 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.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

A public question was asked, and a response was provided.

7 Licensing Services Update

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the activities undertaken to discharge the Council's licensing functions from 1st April 2022 to 30th September 2022.

Contact: Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader, Tel: 01484 221000

RESOLVED: That the Licensing Services Update report be noted by the Committee.

8 Decision Making - Hackney Carriage and Private Hire

The purpose of the report is for Members to consider and resolve a decision-making process relating to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing service.

Contact: Fiona Goldsmith, Public Protection Group Leader, Tel: 01484 221000

RESOLVED:

That:

- (i) the decision regarding the decision-making process relating to hackney carriage and private hire be deferred to allow officers to undertake further work and bring this back for consideration at a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee,
 - (ii) Officers liaise with other West Yorkshire Local Authorities to explore the reason and rational for deviating from the Department for Transport guidance on hackney carriage and private hire decision making responsibilities,
 - (iii) further information be provided on the process that would be undertaken for an officer panel and a hybrid panel,
 - (iv) an estimate of the cost and timescale on each of the four options be produced,
 - (v) information on the resource implications, including the workload for members and officers be produced for each of the four options.
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9 Terms of Reference for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Association Meetings

The purpose of the report is to seek Members approval for the updated Terms of Reference for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Associations.

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RESOLVED:

That:

- (i) the report be noted by the Committee,
 - (ii) the proposed terms of reference be approved with the addition of section 2.7 as set out in the report,
 - (iii) the charter provided by the GMB union shows that there is no conflict with the proposed terms of reference,
 - (iv) officers liaise with the GMB union, Leeds, and other West Yorkshire authorities to try and standardise across the region,
 - (v) the responsibility for making any changes to the Terms of Reference in future, be delegated to officers in conjunction with the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee,
 - (vi) Members, other than the Chair of Licensing and Safety Committee only being permitted to attend the association Meetings at the explicit request of the trade and for observatory purposes only.
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