

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee – 7 July 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the **Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee** held on **7 July 2005** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr P F A Webster
Cllr R A Amner

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Livings

SUBSTITUTE

Cllr J E Grey

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Crawford - Transportation Manager
J Read - Hackney Carriage Officer
J Bostock - Principal Committee Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

P Richmond - Association of Circuit Company Owners in the Rochford District
M Chaplin - Rochford Hackney Carriage Drivers Association

38 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 February 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

39 REGULATING THE ISSUE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee considered the report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management on proposals by the Hackney Carriage trade to limit the further issue of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences.

The Chairman invited all present to comment on the proposals before the Sub-Committee.

Members agreed that there should be no re-introduction of a three year probation period or a requirement that all Hackney Carriage drivers live within a three mile radius of the District. The proposals relating to proprietors holding Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences and suggested provisions relating to wheelchair accessible vehicles were endorsed.

Recommended to the Environmental Services Committee:-

- (1) That there be no re-introduction of a three year probation period relating to the issue of Hackney Carriage vehicle licences.
- (2) That there be no requirement for all new hackney carriage proprietors to live within a three mile radius of the District.
- (3) That all hackney carriage proprietors must hold a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.
- (4) That all new Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences issued be to purpose built wheelchair accessible vehicles only.
- (5) That the age limit for purpose built wheelchair accessible vehicles be reduced to no more than 6 years old when first licensed with an upper age limit of 12 years. (HRHM)

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and closed at 10.05am.

Chairman

Date