

Appeals Committee – 29 September 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **29 September 2017** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C A Weston

D S Efde
Cllr Mrs D Hoy

Cllr D J Sperring

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R A Oatham.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Law	- Assistant Director, Legal Services
J Fowler	- Senior Licensing Officer
S Greener	- Licensing Officer
S Worthington	- Democratic Services Officer

197 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 2 March 2016 and 15 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

198 AMENDMENTS TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE, DRIVER AND OPERATOR LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services proposing changes to the Council's hackney carriage and private hire, driver and operator licence conditions.

In response to a Member question relating to safety audits, officers confirmed that currently the same inspection sheet was used for, e.g., saloon cars, as for wheelchair accessible taxis. It was proposed that in future there would be an enhanced inspection sheet for wheelchair accessible taxis. Officers further advised, in response to a supplementary query relating to consultation, that changes in taxi licensing conditions did not require public consultation as this did not constitute any change in policy.

Responding to a Member question relating to the changes proposed in paragraph 3.5 of the officer's report, officers confirmed that any saloon cars currently licensed to operate as taxis within the District could continue to do so; saloon-type taxis would not disappear.

Officers confirmed, in response to a Member query about the proposed penalty points scheme, that this was a new scheme that was aimed at addressing minor taxi licensing issues; where a number of minor issues occurred, thus building up penalty points, the issue could be referred to the Appeals Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the amendments to the Council's Licence conditions in relation to hackney carriage, private hire vehicles, drivers and operators be approved and implemented with effect from 18 October 2017. (ADLS)

It was further **Recommended to Council**

- (2) That the new Penalty Points Scheme, as set out in the officer report, be implemented with effect from 18 October 2017. (ADLS)

The meeting commenced at 2.15 pm and closed at 2.23 pm

Chairman

Date

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