
MEETING	LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE	4 AUGUST 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS FIRTH, GILLIES (CHAIR), HORTON, LOOKER AND MOORE (VICE-CHAIR)

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on the agenda. None were declared.

8. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 2 July 2010, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded during the consideration of agenda item 5 (Application to renew a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence) on the grounds that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person. This information is classed as exempt under Paragraph 3 of schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

11. PROPRIETORSHIP OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE.

Members were asked to determine the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence where there was a dispute between two parties as to whose name should be entered on the Licence. One party has applied for a renewal of the licence and the other party for the grant of a licence.

Representations were heard from both Applicants by the Committee. In coming to their decision the Committee took into consideration all of the evidence and submissions that were presented to them and determined their relevance to the applications relating the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

On the basis of the evidence produced, the Committee decided that the current licence holder was not the rightful proprietor of the vehicle and revoked his licence and granted the licence to the other party as the rightful proprietor of the vehicle.

The Committee advised that the existing suspension of the said vehicle licence would continue to have effect until such time as the licence is revoked. The licence is revoked once the current owners time for appealing against the Committee's decision has expired or if an appeal is lodged, the appeal is withdrawn or disposed of or fails for want of prosecution.

The Committee instructed Licensing Officers to investigate the issues raised during this meeting and take appropriate action if necessary.

RESOLVED: That the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence be granted to the applicant for grant of the licence, as the rightful proprietor of the vehicle, and that its issue should be delegated to Officer's once all appeal opportunities have been exhausted.

REASON: To comply with the Council's legal obligation to determine the applications for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence renewal.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES IS URGENT UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972.

The Chair advised the Committee that he felt a Scrutiny Topic regarding Taxi Licensing would be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the Chair will register a Scrutiny Topic.

REASON: To enable further consideration on the current Taxi Licensing policy.

Councillor Gillies, Chair
[The meeting started at 10.20 am and finished at 11.55 am].