

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

5 September 2011

PRESENT:

Councillors Humphreys (Chairman), Leytham (Vice Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Bacon, Mrs Bacon, Constable, Drinkwater, Mrs Hancocks, Heath, Pearce, Smedley, Taylor, Warfield and Wilks.

101 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

102 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2011, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

103 REVIEW OF THE POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Members were briefed on the review process of parliamentary polling districts and polling places in accordance with Section 18C (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 which the Council is required undertake every four years, the last one being in 2007. It was explained to Members that the first stage of the review was to publish a notice of the holding of the review as the start of the consultation was on 9 September 2011. The results would be brought back to the next meeting following the end of the consultation period on 21 October 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Strategic Director, Democratic, Development and Legal Services be authorised to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places in consultation with relevant Ward Councillors and other stakeholders and a report be submitted to full Council following completion of the review having duly considered the responses from the consultation.

104 NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

Members were advised of proposed change to the fee structure for drivers of Hackney Carriage's, Private Hire Vehicles and Operator's Licenses. It was reported that the existing fee structure had to be amended to facilitate the service changes made at the last meeting and that the existing fee structure needed to be amended to closer reflect service costs and to increase income in the area.

RESOLVED: That the proposed fees as detailed in Appendix A of the report be approved.

105 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS AND OPERATORS LICENSING NEW CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS POLICY

Members were advised of the new and revised criminal records policy based on current advice and guidance. It was reported that the current guidance was only two pages long and the new guidance was twelve pages long and that would give Members and Officers greater guidance in determining individual applications. The report was debated and amendments put forward, however it was agreed that the policy as submitted should be adopted.

RESOLVED: That the new and revised criminal records policy as detailed in Appendix B of the report be approved.

106 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING – NEW AND REVISED CONDITIONS FOR OPERATORS, VEHICLES AND DRIVERS AND ‘EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION’ POLICY CRITERIA FOR VEHICLES

Members considered new Conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers and Hackney Carriage Vehicles, revised Conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles and Operators and a specific revised ‘Exceptional Condition’ policy criteria for non-purpose built vehicles (e.g Ford Mondeo) over six years old. The Environmental Health Manager explained the amendments and the reasons for these changes.

RESOLVED: 1) That the contents of the report were noted

2) That the proposed new, revised Conditions and revised ‘Exceptional Condition’ Policy Criteria as set out in the report and amended at the meeting and be approved with following modifications :

- a) That there be no mileage limit in policy criteria 2 (Exceptional Condition) (paragraph 4.66 of the report refers)
- b) That condition 11.2 (Special Vehicle Considerations) remain as existing (paragraph 4.72 of the report refers).
- 3) That the Environmental Health Manager in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman be authorised to review and amend any time periods set out in the conditions as determined appropriate.
- 4) The verbal amendments made by the Environmental Health Manager to the numbering of the conditions in the report were accepted.

(The meeting closed at 7.28 pm)

CHAIRMAN