

Minutes of Licensing

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 5 September 2023, starting at 6.30 pm
Present: Councillor I Brown (Chair)

Councillors:

S Brunskill	G Scott
S Farmer	R Walsh
G Hibbert	D Brocklehurst
R Newmark	K Spencer
D O'Rourke	L Street
S O'Rourke	M Peplow

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Solicitor

Also in attendance: Councillors L Jameson

253 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for the meeting were received from Councillors M Graveston and J Rogerson.

254 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

255 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interests.

256 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

257 OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON SCRAP METAL POLICY

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of the consultation and to seek Committee's approval for the adoption of the Scrap Metal Dealers Policy.

The updated policy was attached to the report for Committee to consider and it was noted that no responses to the consultation were received.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Adopted the Scrap Metal Dealers Act Policy enclosed at Appendix 1 of the report.

258 MEDICAL REPORTS FOR DRIVERS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of the consultation and to seek Committee's authorisation for the Head of Legal and

Democratic Services to make consequential amendments to the Council's Policy for Licensing of Hackney Carriage Drivers and Private Hire Operators Drivers and Vehicles and the Private Hire Drivers Licence Conditions.

Committee was advised of the reasons why the Council was seeking to make the amendments. Relevant parties were consulted, and it was noted that there were two responses, both of which were supportive of the proposal.

RESOLVED THAT COMMITTEE:

Authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make appropriate amendments to the Policy and Conditions.

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TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING OPERATIONS

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of the results of an inspection of licensed private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

It was noted that seven vehicles were inspected, all of which were found to be of the required standard.

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ALCOHOL LICENSING UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of:

1. A revision to the Statutory Guidance issued under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003;
2. The introduction of amended provisions in relation to the late-night levy; and
3. The position in relation to licensing relaxations introduced during the covid pandemic.

The contents of the report were noted.

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PAVEMENT LICENCES UPDATE

The Chief Executive submitted a report informing Committee of a proposal to extend provision for Pavement Licences.

It was noted that the Government had introduced the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Pavement Licences) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2023, which, if approved, provide for the pavement licensing regime to continue until 30 September 2024.

Provisions for the introduction of permanent pavement licensing are contained in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, which is currently making its way through Parliament. Committee was advised of the potential implications for the Council if this becomes statute.

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REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

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MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

The minutes of the two Sub-Committees held on 30 June 2023 were noted.

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EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items under this heading.

The meeting closed at 6.43 pm

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact the committee clerk, Jenny Martin jenny.martin@ribblevalley.gov.uk.