

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2008

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee held on Wednesday, 2 April 2008. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

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of a survey as outlined below.

independent survey.

NUMBER ITEM TITLE RECOMMENDATION DECISION

08.LS.28 **REVIEW OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

REVIEW OF HACKNEY

CARRIAGE VEHICLE

LICENCES

08.LS.29

That the Licensing and Safety Committee That the receive the proposals and refer any forwarded to the full Council comments to the full Council meeting on 22 April 2008.

a) That members approve the commissioning

b) That the Director of Corporate Governance

be authorised to proceed with a tender for the

c) The results of the survey are reported back

proposals meeting on 2 April 2008 with amendment that the an Licensing Sub Committee consist of five Councillors

(1) That the commissioning of a survey as outlined in the submitted report be approved.

(2) That the Corporate

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to this Committee.

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Director of Governance be authorised to proceed with a tender for the Independent Survey

- (3) That the results of the survey be reported back to this Committee
- (4) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee on how the survey will be conducted

08.LS.30 REVIEW OF GUIDELINES ON THE RELEVANCE OF CONVICTIONS AND REVIEW OF GUIDELINES ON THE RELEVANCE OF CONVICTIONS AND AND POLICE CAUTIONS FOR USE IN DETERMINING APPLICATIONS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCES Members are recommended to approve the draft policy and revised guidelines attached at That the draft policy and Appendix B to this report for consultation. revised guidelines as set out

revised guidelines as set out in the attached appendix to the report be approved and as part the that of consultation the section regarding "Dishonesty" relating to the concealment of convictions be strengthened and will be considered a serious matter.

08.LS.31	LOCAL GOVERNMENT	a) The Council's signage for hackney 1.		
	(MISCELLANEOUS	carriage and private hire vehicles should be	a)	That the
	PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 DISPLAY OF SIGNS ON	compulsory		Council's
	HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND	 b) The Council's signage should be displayed on both front doors of the vehicle. 		signage for hackney
	PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES	c) The Council's internal disc should be		carriage and
	AND REVIEW OF STYLE AND	attached to the inside of the front windscreen		private hire
	FORMAT OF LICENCE	outside the swept area of the glass or to be		vehicles should
	PLATES	fixed in a vertical position on the dashboard	b)	be compulsory
		as not to obstruct the drivers view.	b)	That the Council's
		d) The sample signs circulated at the meeting		signage should
		should be the adopted signs, in terms		be displayed on
		of shape, size, colour and content and the		both front doors
		supply to hackney carriage and private		of the vehicle.
		hire proprietors from the Council's licensing office as detailed in the report.	c)	That the Council's
		e) In addition to the above, hackney carriage		internal disc
		and private hire proprietors may display other		should be
		signs on their vehicles acquired from a		attached to the
		supplier of their own choice,		inside of the
		advertising the name and telephone number		front windscreen outside the
		of their business. Where applicable,		swept area of
		such signs to comply with the specifications		the glass or to
		contained within this report.		be fixed in a
		f) The Council's sampled licence plates		vertical position
		circulated at the meeting should be		on the
		compulsory.		dashboard as not to obstruct
				the drivers view.
			d)	The sample
			-)	signs circulated
				at the meeting
				should be the
				adopted signs, in terms of
				shape, size,
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at the meeting should be the adopted signs, in terms of shape, size, colour and content and the supply to hackney carriage and private hire proprietors from the Council's licensing office 08.LS.33 ALLOCATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE PLATE Members are asked to approve the contents 2. of this report and to delegate the administrative process to the Licensing Manager who will report back to the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee as necessary. Members are asked to consider the contents of the report and approve a method to issue one Hackney Carriage licence.

Recommendations

Members are asked to approve the contents of this report and to delegate the administrative process to the Licensing Manager who will report back to the Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee as necessary.

08.LS.35 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER SUSPENSION ON THE GROUNDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY

That the committee considers the Licensed Driver is a fit and proper person to hold a private hire drivers licence and a private hire vehicle licence in view of the written witness statements from Louise Clare Holmes and Martin David Harris and following any representations Mr Roscoe may wish to make to the committee.

That having regard to the witness statements of X and y and the admission from the licensed driver the Committee determined that given the unsolicited grossly inappropriate material of an explicit sexual nature being displayed in the vehicle considered that the licensed driver was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's license and a private hire vehicle license

08.LS.36 PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE HOLDER That the Committee considers the circumstances relating to the conviction and to

That having regard to the conviction on 9 August 2006 at Ashton under Lyme Magistrates

AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE - FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF CONVICTION

consider revoking the licensed private hire operators licensed, his private hire drivers licensed and his private hire vehicle licensed, and to consider any representations the driver may wish to make to the committee.

Court and hearing the oral submissions from the licensed driver, the committee decided that the driver had failed to report the conviction within the pre-requisite period and that he was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire operator's license and a private hire vehicles license

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