

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, 12 September 2012

Present: Councillor Marion Lowe (Chair), Councillor Anthony Gee (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Cronshaw, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Adrian Lowe, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Pauline Phipps, Alan Platt, Ralph Snape and John Walker

Also in attendance: Alex Jackson (Senior Lawyer), Paul Carter (Public Protection Co-ordinator) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

12.LPS.48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Matthew Crow.

12.LPS.49 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of any interests were received.

12.LPS.50 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 20 June 2012 be held as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

12.LPS.51 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE'S

RESOLVED – That the meetings of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee's held on 14 June and 8 August 2012 be held as a correct record.

12.LPS.52 HACKNEY CARRIAGE SERVICE - UNMET DEMAND SURVEY

The Committee received a report of the Director of People and Places advising them of the outcome and recommendations arising from the recently commissioned unmet demand survey relating to hackney carriage provision in Chorley.

Halcrow Group Limited had undertaken the survey for the authority and a representative from the group, Katie Dixon, presented their findings to Members. The unmet demand survey had been undertaken during June, July and August 2012 and had concluded that there was no significant unmet demand in Chorley. A number of options were then outlined that included:

1. Maintain the current limit of 36 Hackney Carriage vehicle licences.
2. Issue any number of individual plates.
3. Remove the numerical limit.

It was further recommended that the Council investigate the potential of the provision of a taxi rank at Chorley Railway Station and Chorley Hospital. Members however noted that any proximate provision of a rank at these locations would need the consent and cooperation of Network Rail and the Hospital Trust as the land owners.

Members made several observations and discussed the survey results in full.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the Council maintain its current limit of Hackney Carriage vehicle licences in Chorley.**
- 2. That the authority undertakes a feasibility study to explore the provision of taxi ranks at Chorley Hospital and Railway Station.**

Chair