

LICENSING AND SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2007 – WEDNESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2007

Present:

Councillor Mrs Iris Smith (Chairman)
Councillors Edward Smith and Ralph Snape

Also in attendance:

Claire Hallwood Deputy Director of Legal Services
Howard Bee Licensing Manager
Keith Ogden Licensing Enforcement Officer
Gordon Bankes Democratic Services Officer
Eileen Bee Disability Forum Representative

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were received.

3. ALLOCATION OF SEVEN ADDITIONAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee interviewed 36 applicants for the issue of seven additional hackney carriage licences.

The Council had undertaken, through an independent consultant, a survey of hackney carriage services within Chorley.

The Council, after considering the independent consultants findings that a significant unmet demand for hackney carriage vehicles existed in Chorley, resolved to issue a further seven hackney carriage vehicle licences.

Members made the selection, taking into account the criteria that had been approved by the Licensing and Safety Committee.

The approval of the seven licences had been done in accordance with the predetermined preferential and mandatory criteria, subject to the applicant providing a vehicle within two months and complying with the following conditions:

- (a) The vehicle shall be either a purpose built hackney carriage or a vehicle adapted as a hackney carriage suitable for the carriage of disabled persons by a recognised conversion company. The vehicle must have undergone either Whole European Type Approval or Low Volume Type Approval.
- (b) Vehicles must be new or have covered no more than 500 miles.
- (c) Vehicles shall be properly tested and roadworthy to a standard approved by the Council's Vehicle Inspectors such testing to include the structural integrity.

- (d) Vehicles shall be properly insured and proof of insurance to be produced to the Council before the issues of the licence.
- (e) Production of proof of proprietorship of the vehicle.

The approval was also subject to the successful applicant, if not already done so, completing a formal disability training course within two months from the date of the grant of the vehicle licence.

The successful applicant was also to be made aware that if the hackney carriage licence was transferred to another party, the Council may at the end of the current licence period, choose not to renew the hackney carriage vehicle licence.

Those applicants that were unsuccessful were refused by reason that the Council did not consider that there was a significant unmet demand for hackney carriage vehicles in the borough.

RESOLVED – That the undermentioned seven applicants be granted a hackney carriage vehicle licence, subject to the above mentioned conditions:

**Zubair Essa
Rizvoon Hassain
Abdul Qayyum Khan
Hifzur Mala
Sharon Quinn
Margaret Redshaw
Mohammad Waseem**

Chairman