

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 23rd January, 2008 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Tweddle (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Beeley
Councillor Beilby
Councillor Cassidy
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Wilkes

1125/08 **Apology**

Apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Micklewright.

1126/08 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December, 2007, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1127/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1128/08 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items for consideration in the Private Session of the agenda.

1129/08 **Taxi Testing – Failure to attend scheduled tests**

The report of Fleets Services MOT Test Centre was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved (Unanimously)

That approval be given to impose a fee of £25 for failure to arrive for a scheduled vehicle test, and failure to give a minimum of 24 hours notice of cancellation or rescheduling.

1130/08

Period of driving experience required before being allowed to apply for a licence

The report of the Head of Public Protection was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Reference was made to the possibility of imposing an age limit as well as a restriction on the period of driving and a legal view was sought. Mr. Javed Iqbal (Legal Adviser) advised that it was in the Committees remit to do this but the report before the Committee related to the period of driving experience. Should Members wish to consider imposing an age limit, officers should be asked to provide a report on the implications of such an action for submission to a future meeting.

It was **moved**:-

That the period that applicants must have held a DVLA drivers licence be extended to a minimum of 2 years before they can apply for private hire drivers licence, and that officers be requested to report back on the possibility of imposing a minimum age restriction.

It was **moved** and duly **seconded**:-

That the period that applicants must have held a DVLA drivers licence to be extended to a minimum of 2 years before they can apply for a private hire drivers licence.

On being put to the vote, 9 Members voted in favour and 1 against and it was:-

Resolved

That the period that applicants must have held a DVLA drivers licence to be extended to a minimum of 2 years before they can apply for a private hire drivers licence.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.11 p.m.

Chairman

Date