

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 17th July, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)

Councillor Anson
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor Cook
Councillor Douglas-Maul
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor Harrison
Councillor Murray
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Whyte
Councillor Worrall

1513/13 **Apologies**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor Clarke.

1514/13 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th May, 2013, a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1515/13 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1516/13 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items set out in the private agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

1517/13 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976/ Town Police Clauses Act, 1847 – Reforming the Laws of Taxi and Private Hire Services**

Reference from Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group from its meeting held on 3rd July, 2013:-

“Resolved

That the group notes the report and refers it to the Licensing and Safety Committee for information.”

1518/13 The report of the Interim Regulatory Manager to the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Principal Licensing Officer (Mr. Knapper) enlarged upon the report and drew the Committee’s attention to the salient points contained therein. He added that there would be no further consultation before Central Government’s decision on the final recommendations of the Law Commission in late 2013.

Councillor Anson asked whether the two tier system of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles would be retained. Mr. Knapper replied that hackney carriage and private hire vehicles would remain separate. Hackney carriages would continue to be allowed to pick up passengers from ranks or by hail. Private hire pre-booking would be modernised to take account of modern technology.

Resolved

That the resolution of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group and the report of the Interim Regulatory Manager be noted.

Summary of items considered in private session

- 1519/13 **Application for the grant of a Licence to drive Private Hire Vehicles - Exceptional Circumstances Request –**
- The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.
- 1520/13 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 – Application for discrete licensing identification on private hire vehicle**
- The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.
- 1521/13 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 – Application for discrete licensing identification on private hire vehicle**
- The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.
- 1522/13 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 – Street Trading Consent application**
- The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.
- 1523/13 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 – private hire vehicle – stretch limousine – exceptional circumstances request**
- The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.42 p.m.