

# **Minutes of the Licensing and Safety Committee held in Conference Room 2, Walsall Council House**

**21 February 2024 at 6.00pm**

## **Committee Members present:**

Councillor N. Gandham(Chair)  
Councillor S.J. Cooper (Vice Chair)  
Councillor R. Martin  
Councillor A. Nawaz  
Councillor W. Rasab  
Councillor K Sears  
Councillor M. Ward  
Councillor R. Worrall

## **Officers Present:**

Mr D. Elrington, Head of Community Safety and Enforcement  
Mr S. Alom, Team Leader, Licensing.  
Mrs H. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

### **017 Apologies**

Councillors B Bains, C. Bott, Gill, A. Hussain, K. Hussain, Kaur

### **018 Substitutions**

There were no substitutions however the Chair mentioned that there had been a change in membership since the last meeting in that Councillor Nasreen had left the committee and Councillor Ward had joined.

### **019 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Nawaz declared an interest in item 6 on the agenda relating to Taxi and Private Hire licensing policies.

### **020 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items for discussion in the private session of the agenda.

### **021 Minutes**

A copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 was submitted:

## **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **022 Membership of Taxi Licensing Sub-committees 'A' and 'B'**

A report was submitted which provided an opportunity for the committee to review the membership of its Taxi Licensing sub-committees following the political balance review and changes to the membership of committees at the Council meeting on 8 January 2024.

(See annexed)

It was noted that the revised political balance applicable to the sub-committees was: Four Conservative members, two labour members and one member of the Independent Group.

## **Resolved**

- 1) That the following members be appointed to each of the sub-committees for the remainder of the Municipal Year, in accordance with the revised political balance:

### **Taxi 'A' Sub-committee**

Councillors Cooper, Bains, Gandham, Martin, C. Bott, Ward and Nawaz.

### **Taxi 'B' Sub-committee**

Councillors Rasab, A. Hussain, Gill, Kaur, C. Bott, Ward and K. Hussain.

- 2) To note that the Chairs and Vice-chairs of each sub-committee remain unchanged.

### **023 Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policies**

The Team Leader, Licensing, presented a report was submitted which sought approval of a criminal and motoring convictions policy and fit and proper person policy.

(see annexed)

## **Resolved**

- 1) To note that following evaluation of the responses to the consultation, attached at appendix 2 to the report, no changes are recommended to the draft policies as consulted upon

- 2) That the following draft policies be approved as appended to the report to be implemented within 14 days of the date of this meeting:
- Criminal and Motoring Convictions Policy – Appendix 3
  - Fit and Proper Person Policy – Appendix 4

024 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 3 April 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.06 p.m.

Signed:

Date: