

**LICENSING COMMITTEE
3 MARCH 2020
MINUTES**

Present: Councillors: B Groom, F Nash, J Butler (Chairman), K Allsopp, P Thomas, P Davies, P Hogarth MBE (Vice-Chairman), R Grinsell, S Caudwell (substitute) and T Diccio

Officers: David Acton, Louise Baggott, Anne Bettison, Santokh Gill, and Alison McGrory.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were tendered from Councillors Hamilton and Macnaughton with Councillor Caudwell substituting for the latter.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no questions or deputations.

4. REVIEW OF LICENCE CONDITIONS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS, OPERATORS AND VEHICLE PROPRIETORS

Members were reminded that on 12 February 2020, they approved a revised Licensing Policy for the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trades which was due to come into force on 1 April 2020.

Members were advised that to continue with outdated conditions that did not reflect the new policy aims would be inconsistent with the objective of an integrated and effective licensing regime. Therefore, a consultation exercise to review licensing conditions would need to be undertaken with licence holders, industry representatives and members of the public, to ensure the policy was implemented effectively, and the licensing regime was integrated and robust.

RESOLVED

Members agreed:-

- (i) To a consultation exercise running from 4-17 March 2020, seeking views on the revised licence conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, Operators and vehicle proprietors; and
- (ii) To receive a further report highlighting issues raised through the consultation exercise.