

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held in Lonsdale Room, Allerdale House on Monday 5 December 2016 at 10.00 am

## Members

A H Kendall (Chairman)

T Annison	R Munby
J Ellis	B Pegram
M Grainger	C Smith
H Harrington	D Wilson
F Johnston	J Wood
B Miskelly	M Wood
J M Mounsey	

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Stoddart

## Staff Present

B Carlin, H Carruthers, G Collinson, D Devine, C Fleming and D Fletcher

### **280 Declaration of Interests**

None declared.

### **281 Questions**

None received.

### **282 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Review of Policies**

The Senior Licensing and Compliance Officer submitted a report which sought Members to review the revised policies in respect of Vehicle Age, Vehicle Advertising and the Relevance of Criminal Convictions Relating to the Determination of the Application to Grant or Renew a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The revised Vehicle Age Policy was considered. Councillors asked that the word 'significant' be inserted in paragraph 3.2 of the policy as follows:

- 3.2 no rust, significant dents or significant scratches. This is obviously open to individual interpretation and each case will be considered on its own merits.

Members considered the revised Vehicle Advertising Policy. No amendments were made to the policy.

Members considered the revised policy in respect of the Relevance of Criminal Convictions Relating to the Determination of the Application to Grant or Renew a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers Licence. Councillors made the following amendments:

Amendment to Minor Traffic Offences section, paragraph 1.6 – the offence of ‘using a mobile phone while driving a motor vehicle’ amended to read ‘using a mobile device while driving a motor vehicle’.

Amendment to Indecency Offences section, paragraph 6.1 – amendment to include the word ‘years’ to correct an omission – paragraph to read ‘...should be refused until they can show a substantial period of at least 3 years free of such offences....’

Councillor D Wilson moved that Council be requested to approve the revised policies in respect of Vehicle Age, Vehicle Advertising and the Relevance of Criminal Convictions Relating to the Determination of the Application to Grant or Renew a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers Licence as amended. Councillor M Wood seconded.

A vote was taken; 14 in favour, 0 against.

The motion was carried.

### **Recommended**

That Council be requested to approve the revised policies in respect of Vehicle Age, Vehicle Advertising and the Relevance of Criminal Convictions Relating to the Determination of the Application to Grant or Renew a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers Licence as amended.

**The meeting closed at 10.50 am**