

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting - 18 March 2015

Present: Mr Walters MBE (Chairman)
Mr Clark, Mr Pepler, Mrs Royston, Mr Samson and Mr D Smith

Apologies for absence: Mrs Simmonds and Mr Brown

31. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21 January 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

32. LICENSING ACT 2003 - SCHEDULE OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE DETERMINATIONS AND APPEALS

The Committee received a report which informed members of Licensing Sub Committee determinations during the period January 2015-February 2015 and all pending appeals recently determined against licensing decisions.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

33. LICENSING ACT 2003 - OFFICER DETERMINATIONS

The Committee received a report which informed Members of Officer Determinations during the period 13 December 2014 to 4 March 2015,

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

34. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE FEES - CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Following the decision on 21 January 2015 authorising the advertisement of proposed changes to the fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing, the Committee considered a report setting out in Appendix 2 the 10 responses that had been received during the consultation period, all of which objected to the proposed increases. In addition to the consultation a drop in session had been on 24 February for existing licensees to discuss the proposed fees prior to submitting formal responses and the report advised that this event had been attended by 12 out of the 174 South Bucks drivers.

During discussion of the proposed fees as set out in Appendix 1 the Committee noted that no increase for the renewals (1 year or 3 year) exceeded £35 a year. The Committee was also reminded that implementation of the fees would result in recovery of an estimated £253k of the shared service costs, lower than the total cost of delivery of £289.782 per annum.

Following the discussion and in accordance with the authority delegated at the meeting of Council on 24 February 2015 the Committee

RESOLVED that the fees for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be implemented, without modification, with effect from 2 April 2015.

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35. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

The Committee received a report informing members of the number of private and hackney carriage matters during the period 13 December 2014 to March 2015.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

36. LICENSING OF HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COLLECTIONS AND STREET COLLECTIONS

The Committee received a report showing the total number of house-to-house collection permits and street collection permits issued during the period 13 December 2014 to 4 March 2015.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

37. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Member Training

In response to a question from the Chairman, an assurance was given that members appointed to the Committee following the District Elections and Annual Council would receive appropriate training and guidance and that the potential for carrying out some of this jointly with CDC members would be explored.

The meeting terminated at 6.25 pm