



LICENSING COMMITTEE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Thursday, 15th June, 2017 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT

MEMBERS

Councillors A Royle (Chair), G Frayling (Vice-Chair), G Birtwistle, B Brindle, F Cant, I Carmichael, S Chaudhary, J Cunningham, D Fleming, S Hussain, A Kelly, S Malik, E Monk and C White

OFFICERS

Emma Barker	– Principal Legal Officer - Litigation & Regulation
Imelda Grady	– Democracy Officer
Peter Henderson	– Principal Licensing Officer

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mohammed Ishtiaq.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th October 2017 were approved as a correct record.

3. Public Question Time

Councillor Alan Hosker addressed the Committee under the Council's Right to Speak Policy on

4. Amendments to Taxi Licensing - Policy Guidelines to Fitness and Propriety Including Convictions and Other Relevant Information.

Members gave consideration to the adoption of new policy guidelines when determining whether new applicants or current drivers are 'fit and proper' persons to hold hackney carriage or private hire drivers' licences.

The adoption of the new policy guidelines would ensure that Council Policy was aligned to the Local Government Association's (LGA) 'Example Taxi and PHV Licensing Criminal Convictions Policy' which was published in March 2017. It would also strengthen the Council's principal licensing objective to protect the safety of the public.

The convictions policy aids a consistent approach when considering whether an applicant or existing licence holder is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

RESOLVED

1. That approval be given to the Policy Guidelines to Fitness and Propriety including Convictions.
2. That the revised Policy be applied immediately for new applicants for drivers' licences and for existing drivers on renewal, though reserving the right to apply the updated policy to existing drivers before renewal in appropriate circumstances.

5. Appointments to Licensing Sub Committees

Consideration was given to the sub delegations of function to a Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee for a final hearing procedure and to Taxi Licensing Sub Committees for functions relating to taxi licences.

RESOLVED

1. That a Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee be established for the sub delegation of functions under the Licensing Act 2003 for a final hearing procedure;
2. That two Taxi Licensing Sub Committees be established for the sub delegation of functions vested in the Licensing Committee relating to taxi licensing functions as set out in Part 3 of the Council's Constitution; and
3. That members be appointed to the sub committees on a rotational basis subject to their availability.