

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES) SUB-COMMITTEE
16 JULY 2015

SUBMITTED TO THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE
24 SEPTEMBER 2015

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr Simon Inchbald (Chairman)
Cllr Patricia Ellis (Vice Chairman)

Cllr Peter Isherwood

Cllr Maurice Byham (Substitute)

Cllr Carole King (Substitute)

Apologies

Cllr Anna James and Cllr Bob Upton

10. MINUTES (Agenda item 1.)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 June 2015 were confirmed and signed.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (Agenda item 2.)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Anna James and Bob Upton. Cllrs Maurice Byham and Carole King attended as substitutes.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Agenda item 3.)

There were no interests declared.

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE

There were no matters falling within this category.

PART II - MATTERS OF REPORT

The background papers relating to the following item are as set out in the report included in the original agenda papers.

13. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE
(REQUESTING EXEMPTION FROM VEHICLE AGE POLICY) (Agenda item 5.)

The Sub-Committee considered a request to continue to license a vehicle as a Hackney Carriage which would be more than ten years old. The Council policy states that, once licensed, a vehicle may continue to be licensed up to the 10th anniversary of first registration. The vehicle, a Toyota Avensis Estate D4D T Spirit, was first registered with the DVLA on 1 September 2005.

The owner of the vehicle, Mr Doodson, was present at the meeting and explained to the Sub-Committee that he was requesting an exception to the policy for his current vehicle because he was in the process of retiring to Dorset. His current plate was due to expire on 31 August 2015 but Mr Doodson was asking for an extension in case his plans did not come to fruition prior to this date.

The Sub-Committee told Mr Doodson that the Council's policy was absolutely clear on the matter and that exceptions to policy could only be made for compelling reasons. The Sub-Committee took into account the particular personal circumstances of Mr Doodson and recognised that his imminent retirement was an important consideration for the extended licensing of the vehicle.

RESOLVED that, as an exception to the policy, the Hackney Carriage vehicle licence (Plate No.191) be extended for six months from its current date of expiry (i.e. until 29 February 2016) or earlier, if Mr Doodson were to move out of the borough before this date.

[NB Mr Doodson was reminded of the need to advise officers within seven days of any change of address].

The meeting commenced at 10.33 am and concluded at 11.32 am

Chairman