

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: 12th November 2019

**Present: Councillor Gill(Chair)
Councillors Stevens, Cheetham, Haworth, Johnson,
Pendlebury, Bromley, Neal, Brennan and MacNae.**

**In Attendance: Phil Morton, Public Protection Manager
Abigail Wrench, Legal Officer
Joanna Wood, Committee and Member Services Officer**

Also Present: Councillor Haslam-Jones and 2 members of public

BUSINESS MATTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Eaton

2. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on the 16th July 2019 approved as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Driver Sub-Committee meetings held on the 25th July 2019, 19th September 2019 and 24th October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

6. LICENSING REPORT B1: PROPOSED ADOPTION OF 6 MONTHLY LICENCES FOR HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Public Protection Manager introduced the report.

Currently, The Licensing Authority issues licences for both hackney carriages and private hire vehicles for 1 year.

During the term of the licence there is a requirement for every vehicle to be MOT and Rossendale tested after 6 months, so that the safety and mechanical integrity of the vehicle is maintained to the highest standards.

Although the 6 month test is a requirement of the licence being issued, it is becoming increasingly obvious that a number of vehicle proprietors are failing to adhere to the condition meaning that passenger safety is being compromised.

To ensure that the standard of vehicles is maintained to the highest standards, and to make vehicle proprietors more accountable for the condition of their cars, it was proposed to replace the 12 month licence with a 6 month licence for both hackney and private hire vehicles.

The Vehicle will need to be tested on each occasion the vehicle is licensed, and it will not be issued without an up to date test certificate.

The total licence fee will not be increased to facilitate the change, and will remain at the current level, paid in two instalments.

To facilitate the change the design of the vehicle plates will be altered to allow the plate to be re-used on more than one occasion. This is achieved by using high impact adhesive date labels to indicate the date when the vehicle is licenced to. This can be changed on renewal of the licence and will reduce the number of plates currently sent for re-cycling.

There are no material financial implications arising from the proposed amendments, therefore it is recommended for approval to adopt the 6 monthly licences for both hackney and private hire vehicles.

There was nobody registered to speak.

Members voted on the recommendation that approval to be granted for the adoption of 6 monthly licences for both hackney and private hire vehicles.

For	Against	Abstain
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Resolved:

That the Licensing Committee granted approval for the adoption of 6 monthly licences for hackney and private hire vehicles.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and 6.40pm

CHAIR: _____