

**MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 24
SEPTEMBER 2014
10.00 - 10.37 AM**

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Present

Councillors Keith Roberts (Vice Chairman), Peter Adams, Joyce Barrow, Vernon Bushell, Steve Davenport, Peter Cherrington, Simon Jones, Robert Macey, Jon Tandy and Robert Tindall.

16 Welcome and Introduction from the Chairman

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

17 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Wood (Chairman), Andrew Davies, Roger Hughes and Nigel Hartin.

18 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

19 Minutes of Previous Meeting**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20 Public Question Time

There were no public questions or statements received.

21 Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

Consideration was given to a report of the Team Manager – Operational Community Safety which sought approval to extend the formal consultation period to review the amended version of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. (Copy attached to the signed minutes).

The Team Manager – Operational and Community Safety outlined the appendices to the reports and referring to Appendix C, indicated that the second bullet point of 3c. 10 should read: All new and renewal vehicle applications submitted on or after 1 April 2017 are required to be NCAP 5 star.

A letter received from Mr David Wilson on behalf of Central Taxis and Diamond Cars was read out to the Committee. (Copy attached to the signed minutes).

The Team Manager Operational and Community Safety responded to queries from Members. She explained that the policy did not require compulsory use of seat belts as some vintage vehicles did not have seat belts fitted and stated that due to the extensive changes made to the original document it would be appropriate to extend the consultation period to allow the trade the opportunity to comment on the new document. The Team Manager – Operational and Community Safety referred to some of the main changes made to the document and agreed that a list of these changes would be circulated at the next meeting in December.

RESOLVED:

1. That the summary of the amendments as set out in Appendix A, with any necessary modifications be agreed following consideration of all the suggested amendments put forward by those who responded to the consultation as set out in Appendix B.
2. That the revised policy document as set out at Appendix C be published for formal consultation for no less than 4 weeks to commence from the 29th September 2014.
3. That the Law Commission Consultation Report (if made available during the period of extended consultation) be added to the Website as part of the consultation proposed in this report.

22 Exercise of Delegated Powers

Consideration was given to a report of the Team Manager – Operational and Community Safety in relation to delegated powers to issue and amend licences. (Copy attached to the signed minutes).

In response to a query, the Team Manager - Operational Community Safety explained that all scrap metal dealers should be registered under the new legislation and a licence should be displayed in any vehicle used to collect scrap metal. Discussion ensued in relation to the requirement for an upper limit of licensed vehicles. The Team Manager - Operational Community Safety indicated that in

authorities where was an upper limit of licensed vehicles then the vehicle licence became a saleable product.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Team Manager - Operational Community Safety be noted.

23 Records of Proceedings - Licensing Act Sub-Committee

The records of proceedings of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee meetings from May to August 2014 were received by Members (Copies attached to the signed minutes).

RESOLVED:

That the records of proceedings of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee meetings from May to August 2014 be noted.

24 Appointments to the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee

The Committee were asked to confirm the appointment of Mrs V. Parry and to appoint a Conservative substitute member.

RESOLVED:

1. That Mrs. V. Parry to the Sub-Committee be appointed to serve as a Member of the Sub-Committee.
2. That the Member suggested as a substitute Member be approached to ask if they would like to serve as a substitute member of the Sub-Committee.

25 Exclusion of the Public and Press

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (5) of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item.

26 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27 **Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Strategic Licensing Committee would be held on Wednesday, 10th December 2014 at 10.00 a.m. in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

Signed(Chairman)

Date: