

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Gaskin (Chairman), Mrs P L Ackroyd, G Allen, Mrs B Ashcroft, R Faulkner, Ms A Legg, Mrs S McGarry, C Sylvester, Mrs B Toon and C Wileman.

### **Officers Present:**

Mark Rizk (Head of Service), Mrs A Wakefield (Solicitor and Monitoring Officer), Mrs M Wooley (Licensing and Enforcement Manager) C Liddle (Licensing Officer) and Mrs M Henschcliffe (Senior Democratic Services Officer).

#### 25/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 26/20 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought forward to the meeting under Rule 12.

#### 27/20 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 28/20 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY REVIEW OF VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

Members received a short presentation from the Licensing and Enforcement Manager regarding the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy Review of Vehicle Requirements.

Members were requested to consider the approval to amend the vehicle specification for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles including Hackney Carriage accepted vehicle list contained within the main Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2019 – 2022 (Appendix M, N, O, P, Q, R, AA, BB).

Also to consider the long term objective of reducing pollution across the Borough.

Approval was also sought from the Licensing Committee for a consultation exercise to be undertaken on the proposals contained within the report.

The review focussed on the following:

- Updating the current Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicle specification;
- Reviewing and updating the list of acceptable vehicles to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage;
- Review of the plate and panel criteria and conditions;
- Review of the criteria for the exceptional vehicle criteria and conditions;

- Vehicle Emissions.

In deciding Members considered the following recommendations outlined in the report:

1. The amendments to the Policy in conjunction with the responses to the consultation exercise.
2. The Approved Vehicle list as suitable for adoption.
3. The Euro Standard and how this should be carried forward.
4. The stance regarding "write off vehicles".
5. CCTV within licensed vehicles and the adoption of the proposed amendment.

**Resolved:**

Members agreed to all the recommendations with an amendment that category S vehicles should be licensed and Euro Standard vehicles policy should carry on to 2020 – 2022.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motions	Those voting against	Those abstaining
Councillor Mrs P L Ackroyd		
Councillor G Allen		
Councillor Mrs B Ashcroft		
Councillor R Faulkner		
Councillor S Gaskin		
Councillor Ms A Legg		
Councillor S McGarry		
Councillor C Sylvester		
Councillor Mrs B Toon		
Councillor C Wileman		

**Chairman**