

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 14th MARCH, 2016**

PRESENT -

Councillor N. Butterworth (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
D. Clegg
J. Cooney
M. Iqbal
K. Shore
J. Starkie (substitute for C. Jowett)*

Officers in attendance

<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Mick Armfield</i>	<i>Licensing Enforcement Officer</i>
<i>Howard Culshaw</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

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42. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded of the requirements of the Member Code of Conduct concerning the Declaration of Interests.

43 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 11th February, 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

44. APPLICATION TO AUTHORISE A HYPNOTIST PERFORMANCE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report regarding an application for consent to hold a performance by a hypnotist at the Ace Centre, Cross Street, Nelson on Saturday 16th April 2016.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer explained that the application had been received on 26th February, 2016 and a sent to Lancashire Constabulary for comments in which a response was received with no details relevant to the application.

The application form with details of the Mr Simpsons public liability insurance policy, training certificates and accompanying letters were submitted. It was noted from the application that the applicant was not a members of a professional organisation (for example the GHSC (General Hypnotherapy or FESH (Federation of Ethical Stage Hypnotists)) Standards Council. The applicant had been written to asking to provide any further details, this had not been provided.

RESOLVED

That the application for consent be refused.

REASON

1. ***Lack of proof of the applicant's membership of the relevant professional organisations***
2. ***Failure to provide proof of an indemnity insurance policy in respect of public performances***

45. CONTRACT FOR TESTING OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

Members were asked to consider appointing garages for the testing of private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

It was reported at the meeting that six garages had submitted tenders and members had visited the garages prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the following garages be awarded the contract of testing private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.
 - (1) Lonsdale Street MOT Centre, Nelson
 - (2) Brookside garage & MOT Centre, Trawden
 - (3) Rigg Street Motors, Nelson
 - (4) Norfolk Street Garage, Nelson
- 2) That point 15 of the Taxi Testing Arrangements Terms and Conditions be amended as follows, the testing contract may be terminated by either side giving the other one month notice in writing, or with immediate effect if the Council has concerns over the standard of testing..

Chairman: _____