

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2016**

PRESENT -

Councillor D. Clegg (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

*M. Arshad
N. Butterworth
M. Foxley
M. Iqbal
K. Shore
C. Wakeford*

Officers in attendance

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

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32. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

33. RESULTS OF SPOT CHECKS

A short discussion took place regarding the recent spot checks and the percentage of vehicles that were failing because of major faults and what sanctions should be imposed.

It was suggested that the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager and the Taxi Licensing Manager be asked to define major faults and a report be submitted to the Executive.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager and the Taxi Licensing Manager be requested to submitted a report to the Executive regarding the definitions of major faults and the sanctions to be imposed when vehicles fail the spot checks.
- (2) That prior to the report being submitted to the Executive, it be circulated for comments.

REASON

To reduce the number of vehicles failing spot checks.

34. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

35. PLATE AND SIGNAGE EXEMPTIONS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report which outlined the points taken into account regarding a refusal of a request for plate and signage exemptions for two private hire vehicles and to consider additional information.

RESOLVED

- (1) That plate and signage exemptions be granted for the two private hire vehicles based on the contractual information supplied for the three companies.
- (2) To confirm that the vehicles cannot be used for general private hire work and if at any point they are found to be doing so the exemptions will be revoked for both vehicles.

35. INTERVIEWS OF PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report regarding individual operators whose vehicles have been consistently failing spot checks and to consider what action to take.

- (1) **Ace, Nelson**

RESOLVED

That no action be taken as Mr. Khan was not the operator of Ace Cars at the time of the spot checks.

- (2) **A-line/ Local, Nelson**

RESOLVED

- (1) That 3 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for each tyre being beyond the legal limit totally 9 points
- (2) That 3 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for the severe oil leak

(3) BCN, Colne

RESOLVED

That BCN be monitored and if any vehicles fail for any reason at the next spot check the operator would be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview and points would be added to the operator's licence for the previous failures.

(4) Crown/ Greenline, Colne

RESOLVED

That Crown/Greenline be monitored and if any vehicles fail for any reason at the next spot check the operator would be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview.

(5) Kings, Colne

RESOLVED

That 6 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for tyres being below the legal limit.

(6) Matrix, Nelson

RESOLVED

That Matrix, Nelson be monitored until a decision has been made on their appeal which was due to be heard on 3rd February 2017.

(7) Metro, Nelson

RESOLVED

- (1) That 6 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for tyres being below the legal limit
- (2) That Metro be monitored for any failures at future spot checks.

(8) Street Cars, Nelson

RESOLVED

- (1) That 5 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for the exhaust system leaking.
- (2) That Street Cars be monitored and be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview to consider if there has been an improvement in the standard of their vehicles.

(9) Superline, Nelson

RESOLVED

That Superline be monitored and if any vehicles fail for any reason at their next spot check the operator would be requested to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview.

10. UK, Nelson

RESOLVED

- (1) That all of their vehicles be tested at a garage specified by the Council.
- (2) That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager be granted delegated authority to revoke the Operator's Licence if any of the vehicles fail that test.
- (3) That the operator be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview.

11. Union, Colne

RESOLVED

- (1) That 3 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for the tyre being beyond the legal limit.
- (2) That 3 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for the severe oil leak.
- (3) That if there were any more vehicle testing failures that the operator be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview.

12. VIP, Nelson

RESOLVED

- (1) That 3 penalty points be added to the Operator's Licence for tyre a below the legal limit.
- (2) That VIP be monitored and be required to attend the next meeting of this committee for interview.

Chairman: _____