

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON  
ON MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> 2012**

PRESENT -

*Councillor G. Roach (Vice -Chairman – in the chair)*

**Councillors**

*T. Beckett  
D. Clegg  
J. Cooney  
M. Iqbal  
K. Shore  
P. White*

*(Apologies were received from Councillors M. Horsfield, P. McCormick and J. Purcell)*



*The following persons attended and spoke at the meeting on the items indicated –*

<i>Mr. Saghir</i>	<i>Taxi Testing Procedure</i>	<i>Minute No.36</i>
<i>Mr. Akram</i>		
<i>Mr. Ilyas</i>		
<i>Mr. Saeed</i>		
<i>Mr. Khan</i>		
<i>Mr. Khan</i>	<i>Vehicle Conversion</i>	<i>Minute No.37</i>

**33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

**34. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

- (1) Mushtaq Ahmed requested that the age limit be changed to 10 year for Private Hire vehicles and 12 years for Hackney carriage vehicles. He said that as there was little trade vehicles were not being used as much.
- (2) Mr Saghir also asked that the age of the vehicles first registered also be reviewed.

The Taxi Licensing Manager explained that a report would be submitted to the next meeting.

- (3) Mr. Akram, Cavalier Taxi requested that the speed bumps on Pine Street, Smith Street, Cough Road and Reedyford Road be lowered as they were damaging the vehicles.

Councillor M. Iqbal asked he would discuss this with Lancashire County Council.

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- (4) Mr. Khan said that previously licensed vehicles should be allowed to be re-licensed even if the licence had lapsed and therefore over the age limit. At present only one month from expiry of the licence was allowed.

The Taxi Licensing Manager explained that if the licence wasn't renewed within one month of expiry then the application was treated as new and the lower age limit applied.

**35. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the proceedings of this Committee at a meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**36. TAXI TESTING PROCEDURE**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report regarding a request for the taxi testing procedure used by Reigate and Banstead Council to be adopted by this Council.

**RESOLVED**

That the current arrangements for taxi testing continue.

**REASON**

*To maintain control over the standard and safety of licensed vehicles.*

**37. VEHICLE CONVERSIONS**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report regarding the pre-licensing conditions for vehicles that have been adapted or modified since manufacture.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Executive be recommended to approve the pre-licensing condition for applications for all hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

**REASON**

*To ensure that all vehicles and vehicles with adaptations or modification meet the required standards for the safe carriage of passengers.*

**38. 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.

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**INTERVIEWS**

1) **Mohammed Khan**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Khan.

**RESOLVED**

That 6 penalty points be imposed on Mr. Khan's Private Hire Driver's Licence due to failing to notify the Council of the last offence on his drivers licence.

2) **Rashid Mustafa**

The Engineering and Special Projects Manager submitted a report in respect of Mr. Mustafa.

**RESOLVED**

That Mr. Mustafa be granted a 6 month temporary private hire drivers licence.