

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2015**

PRESENT -

Councillor N. Butterworth (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

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

Also in attendance

Councillor N. Ahmed

Officers in attendance

<i>Richard Townson</i>	<i>Democratic and Legal Manager</i>
<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>

(Apologies were received from Councillor G. Roach)

The following person attended the meeting and spoke on the following item –

<i>Mr A. Ahmed</i>	<i>Age Limit of Licensed Vehicles</i>	<i>Minute No. 12</i>
<i>Mr Oakes</i>		
<i>Mr S. Ahmed</i>		
<i>Mr T. Ahmed</i>		

<i>Mr A. Ahmed</i>	<i>Results of Spot checks</i>	<i>Minute No. 14</i>
<i>Mr Oakes</i>		



9. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- (1) Mr Oakes, Hackney Drivers Association requested the removal of fire extinguishers from hackney carriages vehicles.
- (2) Mr A. Ahmed made reference to Hackney carriage drivers not moving on at the rank at Market Street, Colne. He said a number of drivers were leaving their vehicles unattended whilst parked on the rank.

The Taxi Licensing Manager said that all drivers had been spoken to regarding this matter.

- (3) Mr. T. Ahmed asked what was being done with regards to marshals being used at Nelson and Colne Rugby club during the Rhythm and Blues weekend.

The Democratic and Legal Manager explained that the matter was being looked into.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 18th June, 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

12. AGE LIMIT OF LICENSED VEHICLES

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted a report regarding a request to remove the age limit of licensed vehicles.

RESOLVED

- (1) That no changes are made to the age limit of taxis.

REASON

In order to ensure that taxis are in a suitable condition for use and to protect public safety.

13. RESULTS OF APPEALS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted for information a report regarding the results of appeals since the last meeting.

14. RESULTS OF SPOT CHECKS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager reported that a joint spot check on licensed vehicles was carried out on the evening of Friday 12th June 2105 at Norfolk Street, Nelson with the Police and Vehicle Operator Services Agency (VOSA). Thirteen vehicles were tested in total with twelve taken off the road for mechanical faults. A list of the vehicles tested and faults were submitted or information.

It was reported that the vehicles which were suspended would revert to a four month licence and test.

15. PENALTY POINTS SCHEME

The Planning, Licensing and Building Control Manager submitted for information, a report regarding penalty points which have been imposed since the last meeting.

16. 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.

17. PRESENTATION REGARDING CHILD SEX EXPLOITATION (CSE)

Chief Inspector Sion Hall, East Lancashire Division attend the meeting and gave a short presentation.

18. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Manager submitted a report which asked Members to consider an application for a private hire licence.

RESOLVED

That the application be refused.

REASON

The vehicle does not comply with the Council's requirements for the issue of a private hire vehicle licence.

19. INTERVIEWS

(1) Report on MI

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of MI.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence be refused.

(2) Report on SMSS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of SMSS.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence be granted.

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(3) Report on ML

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of ML.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence be refused.

(4) Report on IA

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted a report in respect of IA.

RESOLVED

That the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence be refused.

Chairman: _____