

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI AND OTHER LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2016**

PRESENT -

Councillor D. Clegg (Chairman – in the chair)

Councillors

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

(Apologies were received from Councillor M. Foxley)

Officers in attendance

<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>David Talbot</i>	<i>Solicitor</i>
<i>Sarah Waterworth</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated:-

Mr. Akram	Results of Spot Checks	Minute No. 26
Mr. Oakes		

23. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

24. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

(1) Mr Oakes asked if the Council's By Laws had been changed to enable penalty points to attached to a hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Taxi Licensing Manager said they had not been changed.

(2) Mr Oakes made reference to a list of body work standards that he had submitted to the Taxi Licensing Manager on behalf of the hackney carriage trade and asked if it had been considered.

The Taxi Licensing Manager stated that the list had only been submitted the day before this meeting and it would be look at in due course.

(3) Mr Oakes complained about the fees consultation that had taken place stating that a number of the drivers he represented had not received the consultation letter.

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The Taxi Licensing Manager informed Mr Oakes that an email had been sent on 20th July, 2016 to himself regarding the consultation as requested.

(4) Mr Akram asked for a copy of the 2015/16 account for taxi licensing.

The Taxi Licensing Manager informed Mr Akram that a request would be sent to the councils Accounts Department for them to send him the accounts.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the proceedings of the Taxi and Other Licensing meeting held on 12th October be approved as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

26. RESULTS OF SPOT CHECKS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported, for information that a joint spot check on licensed vehicles was carried out during the day of Wednesday 21st September, 2016 at Rigg Street Motors, with the Police and Vehicle Operation Services Agency (VOSA). Fifteen vehicles were tested with twelve taken off the road for mechanical faults. Four vehicles failed to attend and had their licences immediately suspended until a full taxi test was carried out.

27. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE)

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager reported that the CSE training commences in October, 2016 and was going well with a large proportion of drivers having attended or booked to attend the sessions in November and December, 2016. In the New Year training for all new drivers will be conducted in house and will also incorporate Dementia Training.

28. PENALTY POINT SCHEME

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

29. RESULTS OF APPEALS/ PROSECUTIONS

The Planning, Building Control and Licensing Services Manager submitted, for information, a report regarding decisions and pending appeals/ prosecutions since the last meeting.

30. 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) Report of AA

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

RESOLVED

That the application for a private hire drivers licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period and should no further issues arise the licence will be renewed for a further 6 months.

(2) Report of AHS

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

RESOLVED

That the application for a private hire drivers licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period and should no further issues arise the licence will be renewed for a further 6 months.

(3) Report of MA

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

RESOLVED

That the application for a private hire driver1s licence be granted for a temporary 6 month period and should no further issues arise the licence will be renewed for a further 6 months.

Chairman: _____