

- (2) Mr Ilyas stated that a number of drivers were still touting for trade outside pubs in Colne and Barrowford. He felt that, despite a number of meetings to discuss the issue, nothing had been done to deal with the problem and asked that further action be taken.

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager acknowledged the concerns of Mr Ilyas. He advised that efforts had been made to combat the problem however, lack of evidence made the issue difficult to deal with.

- (3) Mr Khan asked that the age limit at which vehicles were first registered as private hire or hackney carriage vehicles be removed. He felt that this restriction disadvantaged Pendle taxi companies when competing against taxi firms from neighbouring authorities. Mr Saeed supported this request.

The Chairman reminded Mr Khan and Mr Saeed of previous discussions on this matter during which it had been agreed that members of the taxi trade submit their proposal for change. This information had not yet been received, therefore, at the request of the Committee, Mr Khan agreed to submit a report on behalf of the trade, for future consideration.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. APPROVED TAXI TESTING GARAGES

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report regarding a request to add an additional testing garage to those approved. It was noted that, of those currently approved, only one covered Class 7 vehicles.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager be asked to undertake a formal tender process for the addition of one extra garage for the testing of Class 7 and other licensed vehicles.
- (2) That, should more than one tender be received, a special meeting of the Committee be convened to assess the submissions.

REASON

To ensure adequate provision of garages to cater for the testing of Class 7 vehicles.

13. RESULTS OF APPEALS/ PROSECUTIONS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which provided information on the decisions of appeals/prosecutions since the last meeting.

The Head of Legal Services also reported on a recent case in which the appeal of Mr A. Khan had been refused.

14. RESULTS OF TAXI TESTS

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager reported on a joint spot check on licensed vehicles that had been carried out with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) and the Police. The checks had taken place at Norfolk Street Garage, Nelson during the day of 10th July 2019. He advised that, of the 17 vehicles that were tested, 13 had been taken off the road for mechanical and other faults. Details on each case had been circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

That, at future meetings, the Committee consider excluding the public and press for this item of business.

REASON

To allow the Committee to discuss the issues in detail.

15. 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.

16. PRIVATE HIRE/ HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER/ VEHICLE/ OPERATOR LICENCES

(1) Report of MI

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report in respect of MI.

RESOLVED

That –

- (1) MI be granted a temporary private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence for a six month period.
- (2) at the end of the six month period, MI be asked to appear before this Committee for further interview.

Chairman _____