

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
TAXI LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT NELSON TOWN HALL
ON 12TH AUGUST 2024**

PRESENT –

Councillor B. Newman (In the Chair)

Councillors

*F. Ahmad
N. Butterworth
M. Iqbal
K. McGladdery
M. Stone
M. Strickland*

Also in attendance

Councillor D. Gallear

Officers present

<i>Jackie Allen</i>	<i>Taxi Licensing Manager</i>
<i>Emma Barker</i>	<i>Legal Services Manager</i>
<i>Lynne Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator</i>



The following persons attended the meeting and spoke on the item indicated –

<i>Zoe Douglas</i>	<i>Hackney Carriage Licence for Horse Drawn Carriage</i>	<i>Minute No.10</i>
<i>Tony Douglas</i>		

7. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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

8. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2024 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10. HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE FOR HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report for Members to consider adopting and putting in place licence conditions for horse drawn carriages, in response to a request from a member of the public.

The report explained that a non-motorised vehicle could only be issued with a hackney carriage licence and could not be licensed as private hire. Therefore, should Members wish to proceed, the current limit of 71 hackney carriage licenses would need to be extended.

Draft licence conditions and a table of fares were attached as appendices to the report for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Council be recommended to -
 - (i) amend the Taxi Licensing Policy to increase the limit of 71 hackney carriage licenses to 75 with the four additional hackney carriage licenses for horse drawn carriages only;
 - (ii) adopt the horse drawn licence conditions as set out in appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) That the Executive be recommended to –
 - (i) agree the table of fares for horse drawn carriages as set out in appendix 2 to the report;
 - (ii) agree that the fares be advertised in accordance with Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and should no objections be received the fares be implemented.

REASON

- (1) To agree to an increase in our hackney carriage limit of 71 licenses.**
- (2) To adopt and have in place licence conditions for horse drawn carriages.**
- (3) To agree a table of fares for horse drawn carriages.**

11. 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 items of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person/persons.

12. INTERVIEWS

(a) Report on ASS

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in

respect of ASS.

The Legal Services Manager advised Members that, due to unforeseen personal circumstances, ASS was unable to attend for interview. The Committee was asked to consider whether to adjourn consideration of the matter or proceed in ASS's absence.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this matter be adjourned to a future meeting.

(b) Report on MH

The Assistant Director, Planning, Building Control and Regulatory Services submitted a report in respect of MH. The report provided details of a complaint received.

MH attended for interview with three representatives.

RESOLVED

That MH is considered to be a fit and proper person to continue to hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence and no further action be taken.

CHAIR _____