

LICENSING, ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 13 November 2024
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Shan Alexander (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Dickie Davies (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham, Asa Caton, Dean Fitzpatrick, Helen Foster-Grime, Dallas Jones, Holly McCormack, Pete West and David Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 14 August 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions had been taken under the Constitution since the last meeting of the Committee.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

5. REQUEST FOR A VARIATION TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of a request to increase the current Hackney Carriage tariff.

The report further informed the Committee of the intention to propose the compulsory acceptance of card payments in Hackney Carriage vehicles in addition to cash payments and to seek the committee's views on this point.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- The Committee expressed the view that on the whole the changes were very positive for Stockport.
- Members stressed the importance of ensuring that vulnerable residents could still make cash payments.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 7 - 10, relating to paragraph 1 (Information relating to any individual) and paragraph 2 (Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. CASE NUMBER P1790

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence. The Committee interviewed the driver, who was accompanied by a friend/translator in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the driver's licence be suspended for a period of two weeks.

8. CASE NUMBER P1791

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which informed the Committee of the convictions related to an existing driver and requested the Committee to consider whether the driver remained a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Private Hire driver's licence.

RESOLVED – That in the absence of the driver, this matter be adjourned until the next meeting of the Committee.

9. CASE NUMBER P1792

A representative of the Director of Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) requesting the committee to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire car driver's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That the application be granted.

10. CASE NUMBER P1793

A representative of the Director for Place Management submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which detailed the previous convictions declared on a DBS relating to an Operator's Licence and to consider whether the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person to hold an operator's licence in view of the applicant's previous convictions. The Committee interviewed the driver in relation to these matters.

RESOLVED – That no further action be taken in this case.

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm