

GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE

Thursday 5 September 2013

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Cook (Chair), Gotch (Vice-Chair), Clarkson, Goddard, Humberstone, Lloyd-Shogbesan, Royce and Williams.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mathew Metcalfe (Democratic and Electoral Services), Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) and Daniel Smith (Law and Governance)

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Van Coulter and Mark Lygo.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

13. UPDATE ON TAXI LICENSING ACTIVITY APRIL 2013 - JULY 2013

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which informed the Committee of the progress made by the Taxi Licensing function between April 2013 and July 2013.

Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) presented the report.

The Committee agreed to note the report and to thank Officers for their work during this period.

14. HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES: RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION ON EURO EMISSION STANDARD LEVELS & VEHICLE AGE LIMITS

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which sought support for the implementation of an upper age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles to reduce carbon emissions and improve vehicle safety in the City.

Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) presented the report.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the responses to the consultation held in relation to the proposal to implement age limits in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles licensed by the Authority;
- (b) To support the proposed age limits detailed in the report in relation to the licensing of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles;

- (c) To recommend the City Executive Board to recommend to council to adopt an upper age limit for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles to reduce carbon emissions and improve vehicle safety in the City.

15. SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) which informed the Committee of new legislation regarding the administration and enforcement of the scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013.

Julian Alison (Licensing Team Leader) presented the report.

The Committee agreed:

- (a) To note the report;
- (b) To recommend Council to authorise the Head of Environmental Development and the Head of Law and Governance to make any necessary changes to the Constitution consequent to the implementation of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013;
- (c) To approve the licence fees applicable for the two types of Scrap Metal Dealers.

16. MINUTES

The Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2013.

17. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee agreed to note that its next meeting would be on Tuesday 21st January 2014.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 6.00 pm