

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

28 MARCH 2017

Present: Councillor D A Burnett, Chair

Councillors: E H Atherton	R D MacRae
M J Crow	K E Rigby
T A Cullen	P D Simpson
W J Longdon	A W G A Stockwell

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M E Plackett and M Radulovic MBE.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 were confirmed as a correct record.

15. REVISED TAXI POLICY

Members considered the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy. The Policy created a more consistent and cohesive licensing regime across the county and also gave regard to the proposed Clean Air Zones which would be established in Nottingham and Derby by 2019.

Consultation on the Policy would take place between 3 April and 31 May 2017, after which the Committee would be presented with any comments received from the taxi trade.

RESOLVED that the Policy be approved for an eight week consultation with the Police, Disabled Persons' Transport Advisory Committee, the public and the taxi trade.

16. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976
TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847
HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Members noted the hearing procedure, with particular reference to the Council's Policy, natural justice and the code of conduct.

The Committee considered the application for the grant of a private hire/hackney carriage drivers badge and representations made by the applicant in addition to the Council's Policy. Members could not be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a licence and the Committee found no reason to depart from the adopted Policy. The applicant was advised of his rights of appeal against the decision.

RESOLVED that the licence should not be granted to the applicant.