

Minutes of Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2014, starting at 5.30pm
Present: Councillor J Alcock (Chairman)

Councillors:

I Brown	J Holgate
S Brunskill	S Knox
R Hargreaves	C Ross
K Hind	G Scott
S Hirst	M Thomas

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Solicitor.

415 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Ainsworth, P Dowson, K Horkin and R Swarbrick.

416 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

417 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2014

Committee received the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee in respect of Dove Syke Nursery, West Bradford held on 8 October 2014.

418 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

419 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

420 FEES AND CHARGES

Committee received a report from the Solicitor asking them to determine the annual fees for hackney carriage, private hire, scrap metal and sex establishment licences.

She set out the various pieces of legislation under which such licences were approved and the need to ensure that fees were set purely to recover costs, excluding the cost of enforcement.

She commented that in recent years licence fees had been increased in line with current inflation rates. The Council in recommending uplifting hackney carriage

and private hire licence fees had in mind the current level of inflation, based on the underlying charging assumptions remaining unchanged.

In relation to scrap metal dealers licences she commented that these had now been in place for 1 year and 7 licences had been issued. The Council did not have sufficient evidence therefore to test whether the underlying basis on which the fees were originally calculated required amendment but proposed that these fees be increased by 2% as this was the amount by which we were advised the Council's costs had increased.

Finally, in relation to sex establishment licences, these had been in place since 6 September 2011 but the Council had not received any applications to licence a sex establishment within its area. There was therefore no information to suggest that the underlying basis for the calculation of fees should be changed. The Council proposed to increase those fees by 2% as again this was the amount by which we were advised that Council's costs had increased.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree the following fees:

PRIVATE HIRE & HACKNEY CARRIAGE	2015 from 1 April £
Driver's Renewal/Annual Licence	58.00
Replacement Driver's Badge	11.85
Vehicle Licences:	
ANNUAL – Up to 3 years old	162.28
6 MONTHS – Over 3 years but not exceeding 7 years	85.95
4 MONTHS – Over 7 years	61.20
Discount on previous Licence (1/12 th annual)	13.50
Transfer on Licence ownership	23.75
New or replacement: Plates Brackets	At cost plus 10% admin
Private Hire Operators Licence	150.40 From 1 December to 30 November) per annum for 5 vehicles or fewer, thereafter £11.75 per vehicle
Change to Operators Licence	11.25
Log books (100 sheets) each	1.60
Knowledge test – first one free - paper - in person	7.55

SCRAP METAL DEALER LICENCE	From 1 April 2015
	£
Application/Renewal of Site Licence	282.55
Variation of Site Licence	183.60
Application/Renewal of Collector's Licence	204
Variation of Mobile Collector's Licence	163.20

SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES	From 1 April 2015
	£
Grant of Sex Shop	3,060.00
Grant of Sex Cinema	3,060.00
Grant of Sexual Entertainment Venue	5,100.00
Renewal of Sexual Entertainment Venue	2,550.00
Transfer of Sexual Entertainment Venue	510.00
Variation of Sexual Entertainment Venue	510.00

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STANDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES

Committee considered a report which informed Committee about a request for additional stands for hackney carriages and sought their views on whether this matter should be progressed.

The Council had received a request from the Hackney Carriage Drivers' Association Ltd for it to consider the creation of several new hackney carriage stands. These were as follows:

Full Time Stand

- King Street, Whalley (3 Vehicles)
- Train Station, Clitheroe (3 Vehicles)
- Market Place, Clitheroe (3 Vehicles)

Part Time Stand

- Rendezvous, Accrington Road, Whalley (4 Vehicles)
- The Eagle at Barrow (3 vehicles)
- The Emporium, Clitheroe (2 vehicles)
- Key Street, Clitheroe (4 vehicles)
- The Dog Inn, Clitheroe (2 vehicles)
- SOBar, Clitheroe (2 vehicles)

The comments of the Lancashire County Council Highway Authority and the Police on these proposals were then considered by Committee who raised a number of questions and concerns in relation to a number of requests.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. reject any proposals for hackney carriage stands which did not have the support of both the Police and the Highway Authority;

2. authorise the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to investigate further those proposed sites where either the Police or the Highway Authority have not yet provided comments and where legal issues had been raised; and
3. Invite Members of the committee to make suggestions in relation to additional sites which the Council could investigate these to be submitted to either the Head of Legal and Democratic Services or the Council's Solicitor.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).