
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

Present:

Members of the Council

Councillors Cunio (Chair), B Harris, Lewzey (Vice-Chair), Lloyd, Parnell, Pope, Spicer, Thomas and Vassiliou

Apologies

Councillors Mrs Blatchford, Fitzhenry, L Harris and Laming

1. **APOLOGIES**

The Committee noted that apologies had been received from Councillors Mrs Blatchford, Fitzhenry, L Harris and Laming.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS AND POLICY - CAB CAMS**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services seeking to determine whether the policy and conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles should continue to be enforced and / or should be amended to consider adoption of one of the options set out within the report. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

Mr Athwal, The Trans Group, Mr Hall, Southampton Hackney Association, Mr Johnson, Chairman of STA, Mr May, STA, Mr McMillan, Unite, and Mr Rumsey were present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) that it would be mandatory for cameras to be fitted with permanent visual recording and audio recording, activated by the driver;
- (ii) that the Council would continue to subsidise the cost of the cameras; and
- (iii) to delegate to the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services the authority to:
 - a) adopt, and from time to time amend a formal policy clarifying the download procedure
 - b) adopt and approve a minimum specification for the cameras in Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles
- (iv) that condition 23.4 of the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Policy and Conditions be amended to include reference to condition 25.

4. **TRADE REQUEST TO REMOVE THE CONDITIONS RELATING TO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIRST AID BOXES IN HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services seeking to determine whether the conditions relating to fire extinguishers and first aid boxes in Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles should remain or be amended or removed. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

RESOLVED that conditions requiring licensed Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles to carry first aid kits and fire extinguishers be removed.

5. **TRADE REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONDITION TO LENGTHEN THE LIFE OF LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES AND HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services seeking to determine whether the policy and conditions in relation to the operational life of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles should continue or be amended in line with one of the options set out within the report. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

Mr McMillan, Unite, Mr Johnson, Chairman of Southampton Taxi Association, Mr Hall, Southampton Hackney Association were present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED to amend the policy and conditions to increase the operational life of Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles by two years.

6. **TRADE REQUEST TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS OF WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGES FOR PLATES 264 TO 283**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services seeking to determine whether the requirement of wheel chair accessible Hackney Carriages imposed on the last 20 Hackney Carriages be relaxed to rear loading rather than side loading. (Copy of the report circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes)

Mr Athwal, The Trans Group, Mr Johnson, Chairman of STA, Mr May, STA, Mr McMillan, Unite and Mr Semple were present and with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that the requirement of wheel chair accessible Hackney Carriages imposed on the last 20 Hackney Carriages (Plates 264-283) be removed to allow rear loading rather than side loading.