

## **EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14 August 2015

Present

Councillor: R Ayer (Chairman)

Councillors: L Evans, A Glass, M Johnson, C Louisson, B Mouland, A Muldoon, J Onslow (Vice-Chairman), D Phillips, I Thomas and A Waterhouse

### **6 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors D Brooks Jackson, K Carter, G Hill and R Saunders.

### **7 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **8 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

### **9 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **10 Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report and outlined all of the major changes proposed in detail.

The committee agreed to the following amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policies and Conditions (additional wording added in *italics* and deleted wording is ~~struck through~~):

- Page 100, the ninth paragraph to read 'Where a licence holder accumulates ~~more than 12~~ *or more* penalty points in any 36 month period, the matter...'
- Page 101, Offence/Breach of Condition 6 to read 'Using unlicensed vehicle or vehicle without insurance *or valid MOT.*'
- Page 101, Offence/Breach of Condition 10 to read 'Failure to produce *evidence of a* MOT certificate when requested.'
- Page 101, Offence/Breach of Condition 12 to read 'Failure to provide *proof evidence* of insurance cover when requested.'
- Page 103, Offence/Breach of Condition 41 to read '~~Unsatisfactory appearance of the driver~~ *Failure to comply with the Council's policy in relation to the appearance of the driver.*'

- Page 103, Offence/Breach of Condition 53 to read '~~Failure to carry approved spare wheel and tools~~ *Failure to observe the authority's policy on spare wheels.*'
- Page 103, Offence/Breach of Condition 58 to read '~~Waiting or stopping on a double yellow line area, bus stop or private land (without the owner's permission)~~ *in a restricted area* unless requested by a paying customer present in the vehicle.'

Following the vote, the recommendation was declared **CARRIED**, 11 Councillors voting **FOR** the recommendation, no Councillors voting **AGAINST** the recommendation and no Councillors **ABSTAINING** from voting.

Therefore, following the discussion, it was RESOLVED:

- That the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policies and Conditions enclosed in the Appendices to the report as amended are adopted; and
- That the Service Manager (Environmental Health) in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee be authorised to make minor amendments to the Policy as may be required from time to time.

## **11 Charges for Taxi and Private Hire Licensing for 2015/2016**

The Licensing Team Leader introduced the report.

The committee fully endorsed the officer's recommendation and felt that the report and appendices were transparent. They requested that a press release be issued and for the Licensing Team Leader to write to the Taxi Association to notify them of the amendment.

The committee AGREED:

- That the charges as shown at Appendix I are approved for consultation;
- That the necessary advertisement be placed; and
- In the event that no representations are received in response to the consultation, the new charges be implemented commencing 1 October 2015.

**The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.30 am**

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Chairman