

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 7.00PM, ON
12 OCTOBER 2017
BOURGES/VIERSEN, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

Committee Members Present: Ayres (Chair), Councillors Allen, Brown, Fuller, Hiller, Amjad Iqbal, Hussain, Dowson, Saltmarsh and Okonkowski

Officers Present:

Terri Martin	Regulatory Officer
Kerry Leishman	Licensing & Business Manager
Colin Miles	Litigation Lawyer
Dan Kalley	Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davidson and Councillor G Nawaz.

Councillor Brown was in attendance as substitute for Councillor G Nawaz.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING:

3.1 Held on 6 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3.2 Sub Committee Held on 28 September 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2017 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. DRAFT BYELAWS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES - RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION AND RECOMMEND ADOPTION TO FULL COUNCIL

The Licensing Committee received a report in relation to responses to the consultation on the draft byelaws for Hackney Carriages.

The purpose of the report was to advise members of the consultation process carried out and for members to properly consider the responses received. Members were asked to recommend the adoption of the draft byelaws to full Council.

The Regulatory Officer introduced the report and stated that the full policy was adopted in July. The byelaws prior to consultation had to have approval from

Secretary of State. Fines of up to £500 could be issued by the Magistrates Court for breaking the byelaws.

The Committee were informed that there were no proposed amendments to the byelaws, in total six responses had been received during the consultation period. The report sought the approval to Full Council for the adoption of the Hackney Carriage byelaws.

The Licensing Committee debated the report and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The number of responses received was immaterial. It was important to show that the process of consultation had been followed.
- Meetings had taken place with the Hackney Carriage Drivers Association who had agreed to the byelaws..
- Byelaws had been drafted from the model circulated from the Department of Transport, most local authorities had similar byelaws and structures with some deviations.

The Licensing Committee considered the report and **RESOLVED** (Unanimously) that:

The Licensing Committee:

1. Noted the responses and response table and agreed that no amendments to the byelaws as drafted are required.
2. Recommend the adoption of the draft Hackney Carriage byelaws to Full Council.

Chairman
7.00pm – 7.08pm
12 October 2017