

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am
on Tuesday, 23 October 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor P Hetherton (Chair)
Councillor J Birdi
Councillor R Brown
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor D Kershaw
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor T Mayer
Councillor K Sandhu
Councillor R Thay

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Beechey, D Cahalin-Heath, C Sinclair, A Wright, S Yarker

Apologies: Councillor B Kaur, C Thomas and S Walsh

Public Business

40. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

41. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2 October 2018 and the Sub-Committee Hearings held on 28 September and 8 October 2018 were signed as true records.

42. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 1004(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

Minute No.	Subject	Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
47	Refusal to carry assistance dog and disabled passenger by licensed Private Hire Driver	1 and 3
48	Application for the Grant/Suitability to	1 and 3

	hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licence	
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43. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

44. Gambling Act 2005 - Revised Statement of Gambling Policy

The Committee considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) which detailed the outcome of the 6-week consultation undertaken on the review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Policy for the Gambling Act 2005. The revised Statement of Gambling Policy was attached as Appendix A of the report.

The revised policy consulted on had no major changes and only contained minor wording proposals. Five consultation responses had been received, 4 supported the changes and provided additional minor wording proposals, a summary of which was outlined in Annex B of the report.

The report would be presented to the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities on 25 October and then to Council on 4 December 2018.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

45. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

46. Refusal to carry assistance dog and disabled passenger by licensed Private Hire Driver

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under Section 170(3) of the Equality Act 2010 against the appropriate person in respect of his refusal to carry an assistance dog and disabled passenger in his licensed private hire vehicle.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has resolved in court.

47. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), now submitted:

(a) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Zakir Shinwari be suspended for a period of one month.

(Mr Shinwari attended the meeting in support of his case).

48. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 10.10 am)