

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE CIVIC HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

FRIDAY, 13TH AUGUST 2010 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), A J Buckley, P Dyke, J Greener, P B Harrison, M B Kelly and M Price.

Observers

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H E Dyke, B T Glass and D R Sheppard.

LIC.24 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor P Dyke was appointed as a substitute for Councillor H E Dyke.

LIC.25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.26 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.27 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC10 by Mr Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Licensing Officer informed Committee Members there were nine applications to be considered and that their decision must be based on the prime aim of the Council, which was to make travelling in Wyre Forest as safe as possible. He also reminded Members that the Council had a duty to protect the travelling public. Some of the taxis had high mileage and were not of the quality required by the Council. He advised Members that they would have to make a decision as to whether they should depart from the policy set in 1997.

Members were also reminded that each individual case had to be decided on its own merit.

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Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number SN52 WEK (Hackney Carriage Licence HC10).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen, and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC10 in respect of vehicle registration number SN52 WEK, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC10 vehicle registration number SN52 WEK be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

LIC.28 **Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)**

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC20 by Trevor John Owen and Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number KR51 XGV (Hackney Carriage Licence HC20).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC20 in respect of vehicle registration no. KR51 XGV, the Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence (HC20) for vehicle registration number KR51 XGV be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011, on condition that the following be rectified:

1. The mats on the back floor be glued.
2. The front near side spoiler be repositioned.

and the vehicle brought for inspection to the Council's offices at Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster, no later than 27th August 2010.

LIC.29 **Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)**

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC26 by Trevor John

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Owen of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number KR51 XOP (Hackney Carriage Licence HC26).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen, and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC26 in respect of vehicle registration no. KR51 XOP, the Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence (HC26) for vehicle registration number KR51 XOP be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011, on condition that the following be rectified:

- **All passenger mats in the vehicle to be replaced.**

and the vehicle brought for inspection to the Council's offices at Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster, no later than 27th August 2010.

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Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC28 by Trevor John Owen and Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number BG51 UJN (Hackney Carriage Licence HC28).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC28 in respect of vehicle registration number BG51 UJN, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC28 vehicle registration number BG51 UJN be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

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Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney

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Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC30 by Trevor John Owen and Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number YK52 WDG (Hackney Carriage Licence HC30).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

The Chairman advised Mr Owen that the back seat of the vehicle required cleaning and Mr Owen agreed to arrange for this to be carried out.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC30 in respect of vehicle registration number YK52 WDG, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC30 vehicle registration number YK52 WDG be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

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Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC31 by Trevor John Owen of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number DK02 LME (Hackney Carriage Licence HC31).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen, and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

The Chairman asked the Licensing Officer to contact the garage to ensure that in future the tick list on the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Inspection Form be completed at all times.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC31 in respect of vehicle registration number DK02 LME, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC31 vehicle registration number DK02 LME be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

LIC.33 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC40 by Trevor John Owen and Robert Edward Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number DS51 FYR (Hackney Carriage Licence HC40).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC40 in respect of vehicle registration number DS51 FYR, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC40 vehicle registration number DS51 FYR be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

LIC.34 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's License beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC54 by Trevor Owen and Robert Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number BD03 FUW (Hackney Carriage Licence HC54).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC54 in respect of vehicle registration number BD03 FUW, the Licensing Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC54 vehicle registration number BD03 FUW be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011.

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A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence for Hackney Carriage number HC74 by Mr G Scrocca of P & P Central Taxis, as it fell outside the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

Members had received copies of the application to renew the licence, the Council Licensing Policy of 1997 in respect of saloon cars and the vehicle inspection form.

Committee Members left the Civic Hall with Officers to inspect vehicle registration number DV51 LCO (Hackney Carriage Licence HC74).

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and Committee/Scrutiny Officer returned to the meeting to deliberate their decision. Mr Owen and the Licensing Officer remained outside whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Members agreed that Mr G Scrocca of P & P Central Taxis should be informed that all vehicles should be kept clean at all times and valeted on a regular basis.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC74 in respect of vehicle registration no. DV51 LCO, the Committee has decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC74 for vehicle registration number DV51 LCO be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011, on condition that the following be rectified:

- **The vehicle interior should be thoroughly cleaned in particular the back seat and the area next to the door handles.**

and the vehicle brought for inspection to the Council's offices at Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster, no later than 27th August 2010.

The meeting ended at 11.59 am.