

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
CIVIC HALL, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN
TUESDAY, 24TH JULY 2012 (1.00PM)

Present

Councillors: P B Harrison (Chairman), R Bishop, C Brewer, J A Hart, M J Hart, P V Hayward, V Higgs, N Knowles, B McFarland, M Price, M Salter, D Sheppard, N J Thomas and G C Yarranton.

Observers

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.7 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A T Hingley (Vice-Chairman), P Dyke, J Greener and M B Kelly.

LIC.8 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor J A Hart was appointed as a substitute for Councillor J Greener.
Councillor M J Hart was appointed as a substitute for Councillor A T Hingley.
Councillor B McFarland was appointed as a substitute for Councillor M B Kelly.

The Solicitor reminded Members the meeting would be held in accordance with the code of conduct adopted by Council in June 2012, and not the old system of declaring personal and prejudicial interests.

LIC.9 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.10 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Before the meeting continued, the Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) informed Members that the applications to renew the Hackney Carriage Proprietors Licences that were being presented to the Committee fell outside of the Policy adopted by the Council and that they were being asked to assess whether or not the vehicles presented were of a suitable standard and quality for them to be an exception to the current Wyre Forest District Council age policy. The Committee were reminded that their decision was to be based on the prime aim of the Council, which was to make travelling in Wyre Forest as safe as possible.

A point of clarification was made in relation to agenda item number 6, the name of the applicant for the renewal of the Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence was Mr

Trevor Owen and not Mr R E Ingle as stated on page 21 of the report.

Mr T Owen spoke in support of the applications and confirmed that his comments applied to all of his other applications and those of Mr Ingle on whose behalf he had been appointed to speak.

LIC.11 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Albany Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number DN54 WJD.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number DN54 WJD at this point (1.42pm), and returned at 1.47pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number DN54 WJD, the Committee decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC001 vehicle registration number DN54 WJD be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.12 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr T Owen of Holland Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number KE04 ZMC.

In response to a Members' question, Mr Owen confirmed he would have 21 days to replace the vehicle or appeal the decision made by the Committee at the

Magistrates Court.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number KE04 ZMC at this point (2.21pm), and returned at 2.28pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number KE04 ZMC, the Committee decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC007 vehicle registration number KE04ZMC be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.13

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Albany Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number SJ05 NBD.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number SJ05 NBD at this point (2.51pm), and returned at 2.57pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number SJ05 NBD, the Committee decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC029 vehicle registration number SJ05NBD be granted for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

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A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Regency Vehicle Hire, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number MF54 ZXK.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number MF54 ZXK at this point and returned at 3.10pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number MF54 ZXK, the Committee decided that subject to the following works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer within 28 days of this meeting: the works being that the cover on the bottom rear of the drivers seat is secured, that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC043 vehicle registration number MF54 ZXK be granted, for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because, otherwise, on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.15 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Albany Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number BT54 FUM.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number BT54 FUM at this point (3.23pm), and returned at 3.29pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney

Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number BT54 FUM, the Committee has decided that subject to the following works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer within 28 days of this meeting: the works being that the front bumper rubber skirt is to be replaced, that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC057 vehicle registration number BT54 FUM be granted, for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because, otherwise, on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.16 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Albany Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number VO05 ODM.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number VO05 ODM at this point (3.38pm), and returned at 3.44pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number VO05 ODM, the Committee decided that subject to the following works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer within 28 days of this meeting: the works being that the nearside rear seat squabs requires recovering, that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC067 vehicle registration number VO05 ODM be granted, for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because, otherwise, on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

LIC.17 Application to Renew a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence Beyond the Council's adopted Policy of Age Criteria (1997)

A report was considered from the Director of Worcestershire Regulatory Services on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council that asked the Committee to consider an

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application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence made by Mr R E Ingle of Albany Taxi's, 5 Comberton Terrace, Kidderminster DY10 1QP, as it fell outside of the Age Criteria Policy set by the Council in 1997.

The Senior Practitioner – Licensing (WRS) led Members through the report relating to vehicle registration number KJ54 OTN.

Members of the Committee left the Civic Hall to inspect the vehicle registration number KJ54 OTN at this point (4.00pm), and returned at 4.06pm.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Owen, the Senior Practitioner and Licensing Officer left the meeting whilst the Committee reached their decision.

Decision: Having carefully considered the application to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence in respect of vehicle registration number KJ54 OTN, the Committee decided that subject to the following works being carried out to the satisfaction of the Licensing Officer within 28 days of this meeting:

- 1. the front offside headlight lens to be replaced; and**
- 2. the offside rear seat squab to be repaired/stitched (as appropriate);**

that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC075 vehicle registration number KJ54 OTN be granted, for twelve months from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013 because, otherwise, on inspection of the vehicle the Committee found, in considering quality, safety and accessibility, that the vehicle was for the age of the vehicle presented in an exceptional condition where the body work was very good and that the interior is good and clean, which gave the Committee grounds to depart from the Age Criteria Policy in relation to this application.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4.10pm.