

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

MONDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 (10.30AM)

Present:

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

Observers

There were no members present as observers

LIC.32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A T Hingley (Vice-Chairman).

LIC.33 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor J A Hart was appointed as a substitute for Councillor A T Hingley.

LIC.34 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.35 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meetings held on 24th July and 25th July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.36 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 L Bianco of P & P Central Taxis, Unit G14 Paddington House, New Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 1AS, 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 SW05 GWF, and advised that Mr P Bianco had been appointed to speak on behalf of Mr L Bianco.

The Chairman invited Mr P Bianco to address the Committee, he spoke in support of the application.

Members of the Committee left the Council Chamber to inspect the vehicle

registration number SW05 GWF at this point (10.42am), and returned at 10.48am. Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mr Bianco, Mrs Ingle, 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 SW05 GWF, the Committee decided that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC76 vehicle registration number SW05 GWF 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 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.37 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 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 FM04 FVW.

Members of the Committee left the Council Chamber to inspect the vehicle registration number FM04 FVW at this point (10.59am), and returned at 11.05am.

Members of the Committee, the Solicitor and the Democratic Services Officer stayed in the meeting to deliberate their decision and Mrs Ingle, 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 FM04 FVW the Committee decided that subject to the Licensing Officer, within 7 days of this meeting, being satisfied that the front bumper was attached to the car in a safe and proper fashion, that a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence HC56 vehicle registration number FM04 FVW 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 11.19am.