

SWT Licensing Committee - 20 March 2023

Present: Councillor Mark Lithgow (Chair)

Councillors Janet Lloyd, Simon Coles, John Hassall, Ray Tully,
Brenda Weston, Keith Wheatley and Loretta Whetlor

Officers: John Rendell and Tracey Meadows

Also Councillor Davies

Present:

(The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm)

9. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors S Lees and Palmer.

10. Declarations of Interest

Members present at the meeting declared the following personal interests in their capacity as a Councillor or Clerk of a County, Town or Parish Council or any other Local Authority:-

Name	Minute No.	Description of Interest	Reason	Action Taken
Cllr S Coles	All Items	SCC, Taunton Charter Trustee & Shadow Taunton Town	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr M Lithgow	All Items	Wellington	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr J Lloyd	All Items	Wellington & Sampford Arundel	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr R Tully	All Items	West Monkton	Personal	Spoke and Voted
Cllr B Weston	All Items	Taunton Charter Trustee & Shadow Taunton Town	Personal	Spoke and Voted

11. Public Participation

No members of the public had requested to speak on any item on the agenda.

12. Proposal to make changes to hackney carriage and private hire licensing policy

There were no comments or questions arising on this item.

Councillor Coles proposed, and Councillor Lloyd seconded a motion for the Licensing Committee to:-

Resolved to make the changes to the two taxi and private hire licensing policies as listed in Appendix A, to:

- Remove hackney carriage and private hire vehicle age restrictions.
- Make roof signs mandatory for hackney carriages but prohibit their use on private hire vehicles completely.
- Increase the frequency of driver medical checks.
- Allow vehicles with rear wheelchair loading facilities to be licensed as hackney carriages and private vehicles in the West Somerset area, as they are already in the Taunton Deane area.

The motion was carried unanimously.

13. **Proposal to adopt a new policy in relation to the regulation of Street Trading**

During the discussion, the following points were raised:-

- Councillors agreed that it was a good Policy and were happy to support the recommendation;

Resolved that:-

Councillor Whetlor proposed, and Councillor Coles seconded a motion for the Licensing Committee to adopt the proposed street trading policy attached as Appendix A, as recommended by both the report author and Street Trading policy review working group.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair thanked the Licensing Officer and Committee members for their time they had given to the Committee in the past year.

(The Meeting ended at 6.34 pm)

