

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

Thursday, 28th September, 2017

Present: Cllr Mrs J A Anderson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S M Barker (Vice-Chairman), Cllr O C Baldock, Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr Mrs F A Kemp, Cllr S M King, Cllr H S Rogers, Cllr R V Roud and Cllr F G Tombolis

Councillor A K Sullivan was also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M C Base, M A Coffin, D Keers and M Taylor

PART 1 - PUBLIC

LA 17/48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

LA 17/49 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee held on 9 May 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LA 17/50 MINUTES OF PANEL

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Appeals Committee sitting as a Panel held on 28 July and 4 August 2017 be received and noted.

DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3, PART 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION

LA 17/51 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY

The Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer presented a review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2018-2023. The report highlighted the main changes from the current policy adopted on 1 May 2013 and outlined the timescale for the consultation to be undertaken between 1 October and 31 December 2017. Particular reference was made to the proposed changes set out at paragraph 1.3 of the Draft Policy, attached as Annex 1 to the report and, following consideration by the Committee, the inclusion of guidance on tinted rear

passenger windows, 'cross-boundary' plating of vehicles, voluntary sector transport and the production of original documents. The report outlined the arrangements for public consultation on the policy including further taxi drivers' liaison meetings which Members were welcome to attend.

RESOLVED: That the draft Tonbridge and Malling Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy set out at Annex 1 to the report be approved for public consultation.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE

LA 17/52 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm