

Minutes of the Licensing Committee
23 May 2017

Present:

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM (Chairman)
Councillor R.O. Barratt (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

M.M. Attewell	K. Flurry	M.J. Madams
J.R. Boughtflower	N.J. Gething	A. Sapunovas
S.J. Burkmar	A.T. Jones	

Apologies: Councillors S.M. Doran and S.A. Dunn

430/17 Minute's Silence

The Chairman invited all those present to join him in a minute's silence as a mark of respect for those who had lost their lives and the families affected by the terrorist attack on Manchester Arena the previous evening.

431/17 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

432/17 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

433/17 Taxi Licensing Policy

The Licensing Manager outlined the report on adoption of a draft Private Hire and Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Licensing Policy. She explained that the Policy had been updated to include the incremental changes which had been approved by the Licensing Committee since the original policy was adopted in 2000. She highlighted the key proposed changes and new implementations included in the Policy.

The draft policy also sought to provide clearer guidelines within which members of the trade were expected to work, and guidance to councillors who might be called upon to determine an applicant's suitability.

The Licensing Manager reported on a proposal from the Surrey-wide Licensing forum that the 11 boroughs and districts adopt a Surrey-wide

convictions policy so that applicants with relevant convictions could not obtain a licence in one Surrey authority whilst being refused in another.

The Licensing Manager responded to Committee members' questions and noted their comments for inclusion in the draft Policy.

Resolved to approve the adoption of a draft Policy for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing and the Surrey Boroughs and Districts Convictions Policy, subject to there being no objections during a six-week consultation.