

Report of the Chairman on the work of the Licensing Committee

There has been one Licensing Committee and one Sub-Committee meeting since my last report. Details of these meetings are set out below.

1. Licensing Sub-Committee – 8 May 2017

A Licensing Sub-Committee considered a report to determine whether or not Mr Dhawan was a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire driver licence. The Sub-Committee resolved to revoke Mr Dhawan's private hire driver licence for the reasons set out in the decision notice.

2. Licensing Committee – 23 May 2017

The Licensing Committee considered a report on the adoption of a draft Private Hire and Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Licensing Policy. 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. It 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 Committee also considered a proposal to adopt the 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 Committee agreed to 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

3. Licensing Training Event – 15 June 2017

Members of the Committee attended the annual refresher training event in Licensing functions, including the Licensing Act 2003 and taxi licensing, run by Peter Savill, Barrister.

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Chairman of the Licensing Committee

20 July 2017