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Date: 14 July 2020

Notice of meeting

Licensing Committee

Date: Wednesday, 22 July 2020

Time: 6.00 pm

Place: Skype for Business Conference call

To the members of the Licensing Committee

Councillors:

C.L. Barratt
R.O. Barratt
I.J. Beardsmore
A. Brar
S.M. Doran

S.A. Dunn
N.J. Gething
K.M. Grant
A.C. Harman
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N. Islam
A.J. Mitchell
D. Saliagopoulos
R.W. Sider BEM
B.B. Spoor

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AGENDA

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- 1. Appointment of Chairman**
To appoint the Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2020/21.
- 2. Apologies**
To receive any apologies for non-attendance.
- 3. Minutes** **3 - 4**
To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019, as a correct record.
- 4. Appointment of Vice Chairman**
To appoint the Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee for the municipal year 2020/21.
- 5. Disclosures of Interest**
To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.
- 6. Pavement Licensing Policy** **To Follow**
To consider a report and Policy on Pavement Licensing arising from the Business and Planning Bill 2020.
- 7. Report on work of Sub-Committees** **5 - 6**
To note a report on the work of Licensing Sub-Committees between 3 October 2019 and 16 March 2020.

**Minutes of the Licensing Committee
20 November 2019**

Present:

Councillor R.W. Sider BEM (Chairman)
Councillor A.J. Mitchell (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

C.L. Barratt	S.A. Dunn	J. McIlroy
R.O. Barratt	N.J. Gething	B.B. Spoor
A. Brar	K.M. Grant	
S. Buttar	N. Islam	

Apologies: Councillor S.M. Doran

298/19 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

299/19 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

300/19 Review of the Taxi Licensing Policy

The Principal Licensing Officer reported on the comments received following a four week consultation period on the revised hackney carriage and private hire Licensing Policy. He detailed the responses to each comment, as set out in the report.

The Committee noted that grandfather rights in respect of tinted windows would be given to owners of vehicles already licensed with Spelthorne Borough Council for the remainder of their licensable tenure. The proposed conditions in relation to tinted windows, as detailed at Paragraph 6.5 of the revised Policy, would only apply to newly licensed vehicles from September 2019. The Committee discussed whether to require the removal of adhesive tint for existing vehicles and noted that it was easy to achieve and at a low cost. On balance the Committee decided that for the promotion of public safety, drivers should be required to remove adhesive window tinting from existing licensed vehicles within 6 months of the Policy coming into effect.

The Committee considered the comments received from the Licensing Team Leader at Guildford Borough Council set out at Paragraph 10 of the report.

The Committee agreed to:

- Delay the proposal to require drivers to undertake equalities training until the final government guidance is published;
- Retain the age limit for licensable vehicles at 10 years as per the current Policy; and
- Include additional wording at Paragraph 2.10 of the Policy, that PH Operators are required to keep a register of all staff (Controllers) taking bookings and have regard to the same Surrey-wide convictions policy as the Council when employing staff.

Resolved to approve the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy as attached at Appendix A to the agenda, subject to:

1. The inclusion of a requirement to remove adhesive window tinting from existing licensed vehicles within 6 months of the Policy coming into effect and
2. The inclusion of additional wording at Paragraph 2.10 of the Policy, that PH Operators are required to keep a register of all staff (Controllers) taking bookings and have regard to the same Surrey-wide convictions policy as the Council when employing staff.

301/19 Work and Decisions of Licensing Sub-Committees

The Committee noted the report of Sub-Committee decisions taken since its last meeting in September 2019.

302/19 Chairman's thanks

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Rob Thomas, Principal Licensing Officer for his work over many years at the Council and wished him success in his new career.

Work and Decisions of Licensing Sub-Committees
3 October 2019 to 16 March 2020

LICENSING ACT 2003

Date	Premises/ Person	Application for	Members	Decision	Appeals
3 October 2019	Sensations Leisure Ltd, Unit 5 Thames Edge Clarence Street Staines	Premises Licence	R.W. Sider BEM C. Barratt I.J. Beardsmore	Refused to grant. Full details in Decision Notice.	None lodged.
13 February 2020	The Phoenix, 26/28 Thames Street, Sunbury on Thames.	Variation to Premises Licence	R.W. Sider BEM S. Dunn M. Gibson	Granted. Full details in Decision Notice	None lodged.
16 March 2020	Fora, 13-15 High Street, Staines upon Thames	Premises Licence	R.W. Sider BEM C. Barratt R. Chandler	Application granted. Full details in Decision Notice.	None lodged.

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Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

30 January 2020	Mr Abdulhaq Niazi	Hackney Carriage Driver Licence Review	R.W. Sider BEM K. Grant N. Islam	No further action taken.	None lodged.
21 February 2020	Mr Muhammad Jamshad Ashraf	Hackney Carriage Driver Licence application	R.W. Sider BEM S.M. Doran A.J. Mitchell	Application granted	None lodged.

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