

# EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Hussain (Chairman), M Ackroyd, M Huckerby, Mrs J Jones, P Krupski, Z Krupski, Ms A Legg, P Walker, C Whittaker and C Wileman.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S P Gaskin.

### **Officers Present:**

J Teasdale (Head of Legal and Regulatory Services), D Chivers (Licensing Officer), A Davies (Principal Democratic Services Officer) and D Caulkett (Democratic Services Officer)

#### 14/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 15/24 **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chairman indicated he had received one item of urgent business, which was to seek nominations for a Vice-Chairman of the Committee, as Councillor D F Fletcher no longer served on the Committee.

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor M Ackroyd be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Upon a vote being taken, the Chairman declared the vote was carried.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against Councillor	Those abstaining Councillor
S Hussain		
M Ackroyd		
M Huckerby		
Mrs J Jones		
P Krupski		
Z Krupski		
Ms A J Legg		
P Walker		

C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

16/24 **MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against Councillor	Those abstaining Councillor
S Hussain		P Krupski
M Ackroyd		Z Krupski
M Huckerby		C Whittaker
Mrs J Jones		
Ms A J Legg		
P Walker		
C Wileman		

17/24 **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY REVIEW 2024 – 2029**

The Report of the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services seeking to review and amend the current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2019 – 2022 was considered. The following appendices had been circulated with the report for the meeting: Appendix 1: Taxi and Private Hire Statutory Standards; Appendix 2: Proposed Policy – 2023-2028; Appendix 3: Benchmarking exercise: age limits stipulated neighbouring; Authorities; Appendix 4: Matrix of Responses and Appendix 5: Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA).

The Committee noted that the consultation exercise on the policy review had been concluded on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024. In total, 147 responses to the consultation had been received. These responses were detailed in the matrix detailed at Appendix 4 of the report. The consultation's responses were mainly generic with the focus being primarily on vehicle ages and driver medicals and that the responses received had been from drivers and ESBC's Environmental Health Department only.

An opportunity for questions followed.

The reasons for making the decisions below were set out in the report.

It was proposed and duly seconded that:

“On reaching 65 years of age, Drivers be required to have an annual medical”.

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion	Those voting against	Those abstaining

Councillor	Councillor	Councillor
M Ackroyd	M Huckerby	S Hussain
Mrs J Jones		P Walker
Ms A J Legg		
P Krupski		
Z Krupski		
C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

It was proposed and duly seconded that

"an appropriate vehicle age limit be as follows: Unlimited vehicle age limit (no upper age limit, but must be Euro 6 compliant)"

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against Councillor	Those abstaining Councillor
M Ackroyd	Mrs J Jones	
S A Hussain	Ms A J Legg	
M Huckerby	P Krupski	
P Walker	Z Krupski	
	C Whittaker	
	C Wileman	

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared that the motion was defeated.

It was proposed and duly seconded that

"An appropriate vehicle age limit be as follows: 8 year age limit (no upper age limit, but must be Euro 6 compliant)";

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against Councillor	Those abstaining Councillor
Mrs J Jones	S Hussain	M Ackroyd
Ms A J Legg	M Huckerby	
P Krupski	P Walker	
Z Krupski		

C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

It was proposed and duly seconded that:

“Subject to the above, the Licensing Committee approve the remainder of the policy for consideration and final approval by Full Council”

Voting concerning the above decision was as follows:

Those voting for the motion Councillor	Those voting against Councillor	Those abstaining Councillor
M Ackroyd	M Huckerby	S Hussain
Mrs J Jones		P Walker
Ms A J legg		
P Krupski		
Z Krupski		
C Whittaker		
C Wileman		

In accordance with the voting the Chairman declared that the motion was carried.

**Chairman**