

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 12 June 2006, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

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Present: Councillor R Sayner in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, I Chilvers (for Mrs J Dyson), G Croston, Mrs D Davies, Mrs S Duckett, J McCartney, W Norton for (Mrs K McSherry), C Pearson and D Peart

Officials: Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services, Licensing Officer and Committee Administrator

Public: 1

Press: 0

847 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTION

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs J Dyson and Mrs K McSherry.

Substitute Members were Councillors I Chilvers and W Norton.

848 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

849 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the

Licensing Committee
12 June 2006

Licensing Committee held on 24 April 2006 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

850 CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair informed Members that Bal Nahal who had previously made legal representation at the Licensing Committee had now left the Authority. The training she was to carry out on Monday 26 June 2006 would now be carried out by the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services or the new temporary Solicitor.

PUBLIC SESSION

851 PROCEDURE

The Procedure was noted.

852 DISCREET LICENSING ISSUE – JOHN STOCKDALE

Members received the report of the Licensing Officer to seek a decision regarding the approval of the grant of a private hire vehicle licence in respect of Mr Stockdale and that the licence be discreet in manner.

Mr Stockdale had applied for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Mercedes S320 CDI motor vehicle. Mr Stockdale requested that such a licence be discreet as a consequence of his proposed customers who required an executive transportation service using vehicles not displaying a 'plate'.

The licence disc would be provided on a red background thereby replicating the colour of the private hire vehicle plate.

RESOLVED:

THAT THE APPROVAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN THE FORM OF A DISC IDENTIFYING THE REGISTRATION NUMBER AS A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE BE APPROVED.

853 HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS

Mr B Dennis was in attendance for this item.

Members received the report from the Licensing Officer to bring to their

attention a letter of objection that had been received in respect of the proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff increase.

On 24 April 2006, the Licensing Committee approved Hackney Carriage Tariff increases. These were advertised and an objection had been received within the prescribed period of time.

Members were invited to re-consider the tariff increase in light of the objection.

The Chair closed this item by asking members of the public present if they had received a fair hearing and in response Mr Dennis did not feel he had received a fair hearing.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS
(Exempt Information – No 3)

Members agreed that the remainder of the discussion would take place in Part II.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that the tariffs would remain unchanged from those agreed in April 2006.

RESOLVED:

That the tariffs as approved on 24 April 2006 remain unchanged and be introduced before 3 September 2006.

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PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, the meeting be not open to the Press and public during consideration of the following items as there would be a disclosure of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act as described in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE FOR A VAUXHALL ASTRA

Members received the report of the Licensing Officer to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage licence for a Vauxhall

Astra, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and Members questioned the driver as to the full circumstances of his application.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted in respect of the vehicle, with the vehicle being exempted from the requirement for it to be fully accessible to the disabled, on the basis that hardship grounds had been satisfied.

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APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE FOR A SKODA SALOON

Members received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services to consider an application for the grant of a hackney carriage licence for a Skoda, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and Members questioned the driver and his accountant as to the full circumstances of the application.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted in respect of the vehicle, with the vehicle being exempted from the requirement for it to be fully accessible to the disabled, on the basis that hardship grounds had been satisfied.

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APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE FOR A FORD MONDEO

Members received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services to consider an application for the grant of a

hackney carriage licence for a Ford Mondeo, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and Members questioned the driver as to the full circumstances of his application.

Members considered the application against the Council's guidelines on hardship and resolved not to grant a licence for a vehicle which did not have wheelchair access.

In reaching the decision Members considered the number of vehicles previously owned by the applicant, the proceeds from the sale of the last of these vehicles and the reason put forward by the applicant for requiring a licence for a vehicle not accessible to the disabled.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a hackney carriage licence for a vehicle not accessible to the disabled be refused.

The meeting closed at 1.00 pm.