

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the
Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee
held in Committee Room Two, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon
at 10:00am on Tuesday 26 March 2019

PRESENT

Councillors: Norman MacRae MBE (Chairman), Steve Good (Vice-Chairman) and Ed James.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dave Jackson and Geoff Saul.

35. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members or Officers relating to matters to be considered at the meeting.

36. PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC

No submissions were received from the public in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.

37. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The Sub-Committee received and considered the report of the Group Manager for Professional Services regarding amendments to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy a copy of which was attached as Appendix A to the report.

The Environmental and Regulatory Services Senior Officer introduced the report and following a question from Councillor Good, advised that there was an existing charge of £30 for the safeguarding training. However, this charge would increase to £50 if the additional training was introduced and would be covered by the applicant.

Councillor Good also enquired as to whether this would have an impact on the workload of officers. In response, Ms Bignell explained that officers hoped it would reduce their workload because, in future, drivers would be required to book and pay for the training on line, removing the need for officers to recoup monies.

Ms Bignell advised that there was no national requirement to provide training on these subject areas, however, it was seen as good practice and the Safeguarding training was already mandatory throughout the county as part of the Joint Oxfordshire Framework.

It was,

RESOLVED: That, the revised wording to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy be approved.

The meeting closed at 10:05am

CHAIRMAN