

GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Licensing Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Ray Heffer in the Chair

Councillors Rose Bowler, Maxine Dixon, David Downes, Stan Fox, Andrew Joesbury, Evonne Parkin and Rita Turner.

Officers:- Hannah Cash (Legal Executive), Charmaine Terry (Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing) and Tom Scott (Governance Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting was Councillor Deborah Watson (Portfolio Holder – Environmental Health & Licensing) and Councillor Tracey Cannon.

GLC18-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mary Dooley.

GLC19-21/22 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to be considered.

GLC20-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

GLC21-21/22 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Ray Heffer and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury
RESOLVED that the minutes of a General Licensing Committee held on 21st December 2021 be approved as a correct record.

GLC22-21/22 MANDATORY CCTV IN TAXIS - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION AND FINAL VERSION

Committee considered a report which set out responses received from a public consultation undertaken in relation to the introduction of a policy to make CCTV

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mandatory in Hackney Carriages & Private Hire Vehicles. The report also invited Members to consider any amendments to the policy document and recommend a final version to Council for approval.

Based on the consultation responses, Licensing officers had not made significant amendments to the draft policy, however, the primary concern had been the cost of the CCTV to taxi operators. Officers had investigated any financial support that could be given and it was suggested that the possibility of discounted rates as part of the procurement process would be explored.

The consultation responses had also included a representation from an executive taxi company who had requested an exemption from the policy. However, this would need to be a decision made by Members to deal with future exemption requests by either considering them as a Sub-Committee or delegating them to Environmental Health officers.

In response to a Member's query, the Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing, advised the meeting that operators would be written to immediately following approval of the policy at Council.

In response to another Member's query, the Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing explained that if a CCTV system lost power, there must be a safeguard in place that was not a battery backup.

Moved by Councillor Ray Heffer and seconded by Councillor Andrew Joesbury

RESOLVED that the consultation responses and officer comments be noted,

RECOMMENDED that Council adopt the final version of the policy and delegate authority to the Environmental Health Team Manager - Licensing to determine the final technical specification.

(Environmental Health Team Manager – Licensing)

The meeting concluded at 10:30 hours.