

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
WBC Licensing and Control Committee 'A' of
Worthing Borough Council**

Gordon Room, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing

Monday 27 July 2015

Councillor Paul High (Chairman)

Joan Bradley
Keith Bickers
Callum Buxton
Michael Cloake
Edward Crouch
Norah Fisher
Diane Guest

Joshua High
Susan Jelliss
Mary Lermite
Sean McDonald
Louise Murphy
*Vic Walker
Tom Wye

*Absent

LCCA/15-16/08 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest

Councillor Roy Barraclough declared his substitution for Councillor Vic Walker

LCCA/15-16/09 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing and Control Committee A meeting of held on the 29 June 2015 be approved

LCCA/15-16/10 Public Question Time

There were no questions or statement made by the public

LCCA/15-16/11 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting from the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated against the item.

LCCA/15-16/12 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Determination of a Review of a Private Hire Licence

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which was circulated to all Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 5.

The Committee adjourned at 8.18pm to consider its decision

The Committee reconvened at 8.34pm

the meeting was told that in reaching its decision, the Licensing Committee gave due regard to relevant legislation and guidance within the Council's Taxi and Private Hire Handbook. The Committee also gave regard to human rights legislation and the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to representations that were made at the hearing and in writing.

Resolved: that the licence be suspended. The suspension will be for a minimum period of three months but the suspension will continue until the following have been completed:

1. DVLA driving standard test to be taken and passed;
2. Internal and external CCTV cameras to be installed in your taxi. The CCTV cameras are to be installed in your taxi in consultation with the Licensing Officer;
3. A nationally recognised anger management course;
4. The certificate for both the driving standard test and anger management course are to be supplied to the Licensing Officer.

Reasons for decision: The overriding duty of the Committee is to protect the public. The Committee was very concerned at the manner of the respondents driving, as demonstrated by the video. the Committee was also concerned that on a number of occasions the respondent has been reported to have shown aggressive behaviour. Therefore it is the Committee's decision that the respondent needs to pass both the driving standard test and an anger management course to ensure that the respondent is a fit and proper person.

Advice to parties: The respondent was reminded that he had a right of appeal against the Committee's decision to the Magistrates' Court and that he must submit that appeal within 21 days of being notified of this decision.

The meeting was declared closed at by the Chairman at 8:40pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

Chairman