

Minutes of a meeting of the
Adur Licensing Committee
21 June 2021
at 7.00 pm

Councillor Paul Mansfield (Chairman)
Councillor Andy McGregor (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Catherine Arnold
Councillor Vee Barton
Councillor Mandy Buxton
Councillor Jim Funnell

Councillor Joss Loader
Councillor Steve Neocleous
Councillor Carol O'Neal
Councillor Rob Wilkinson

ADC - LC/1/21-22 Declaration of Interests / Substitute Members

There were no declaration of interests

ADC - LC/2/21-22 Public Question Time

There were no public questions

ADC - LC/3/21-22 Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 20 January 2020 be approved as the correct record

ADC - LC/4/21-22 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items

ADC - LC/5/21-22 Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which had been distributed to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 5

The report before members explained that the Secretary of State for Transport had issued statutory guidance on exercising taxi and private hire vehicle licensing functions to protect children and vulnerable individuals from harm when using these services. Members were requested to note the proposed changes and that the council implement the 'Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards'.

Members discussed the report and sought information on consultation about the proposed changes and information relating to data expressed within the report. The committee was told that the guidance was compulsory unless there were very good reasons for non-implementation, members were also given information about how the Taxi Licensing Team interacted with the trade on matters related to the handbook.

The Committee agree that the changes were important and approved the recommendations before them. Member asked that the changes be promoted by the Council's Communication Team.

Resolved: That the Statutory and Private Hire Vehicle Standards be approved and that Officers implement the Standards as soon as practicable.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm