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## SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)

**Day:** Tuesday  
**Date:** 24 January 2017  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Place:** Lesser Hall - Dukinfield Town Hall

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1.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive any apologies for the meeting from Members of the Panel.	
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Panel.	
3.	<b>MINUTES</b> The Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Speakers' Panel (Licensing) held on 20 September 2016, having been circulated, to be signed by the Chair as a correct record.	1 - 2
4.	<b>EXEMPT ITEMS</b> That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, because disclosure of the personal information contained in the reports would not be fair to the license holders and would therefore be in breach of Data Protection principles.	
5.	<b>REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICIES AND CONDITIONS</b> To consider a report of the Assistant Executive Director Environmental Enforcement.	3 - 88
6.	<b>APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - 3/2016</b> To consider a report of the Assistant Executive Director Environmental Enforcement.	89 - 106
7.	<b>URGENT ITEMS</b> To consider any items which the Chair is of the opinion shall be considered as a matter of urgency	

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# Agenda Item 3.

## **SPEAKERS PANEL (LICENSING)**

**Tuesday, 20 September 2016**

**Commenced:** 10.00 am

**Terminated:** 10.50 am

**Present:** Councillors Bray (Chair), Reid (Deputy Chair), Buglass, Fowler, Kinsey, D Lane, Sidebottom, F Travis, Newton, Wild and Sharif

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Beeley and Jackson

### **10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **11. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Speakers Panel (Licensing) meeting held on 2 August 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **12. CONSULTATION ON POLICY AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY DRIVERS AND VEHICLES**

The Licensing Manager provided a verbal update to the Panel on the current consultation for private hire and hackney vehicles policies and conditions review. A full report on the outcome of the consultation would be presented at a future meeting. The Panel were also provided with a list of taxi driver training dates, which would be delivered by external trainers, and were invited to observe any of the sessions.

The Licensing Manager provided the Panel with copies of the consultation document and highlighted particular questions contained within, including questions relating to raising the lower age limit of vehicles from 5 years to 8 years, reviewing the age of replacement vehicles following an accident and introducing a wider range of vehicles to be used as hackney carriages.

Panel Members commented that expanding the fleet of hackney carriages would be beneficial to wheelchair users and introducing vehicles that had rear loading access would also be safer.

Clarity was sought and provided on the age policy of vehicles. It was confirmed that the current age limit placed on new vehicles entering the fleet instilled confidence in the history, servicing and mileage of the vehicles.

The Licensing Manager also outlined questions from the consultation document relating to extending the acceptable condition policy, the introduction of CCTV in licensed vehicles and the introduction of a Greater Manchester wide policy and set of guidelines for the application of the 'fit and proper' test for licensed drivers and operators. Panel Members were provided with copies of the document.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the "Policy and Guidelines relating to the Application of the 'Fit and Proper Test' to Licensed Drivers and Operators" document and the consultation process be noted.**

**13. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIR**

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