



LICENSING COMMITTEE

Meeting: Thursday, 11 February 2016 at 6.30 pm in the Committee Room, Glossop Municipal Buildings

Present: Councillor Perkins (Chairman)

Councillors Dowson, R McKeown, Stone, G Wharmby and Young.

Councillor Kemp was also in attendance.

R Weaver	Head of Regulatory Service
A Patterson	Operations Manager Environmental Services (Regulatory)
H Gale	Member Services Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Johnson, Kerr and Pritchard and Sizeland.

16/13 **MINUTES**
(Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2015 be approved as a correct record.

16/14 **LICENSING STATISTICS BRIEFING REPORT**
(Agenda Item 4)

There was an update on the number of current licences issued and an upward trend in growth.

Discussion took place on:

- Safeguarding training planned for all private hire and taxi drivers. Committee members would be invited to attend.
- Monitoring street collection permits, conduct and limiting the number of collectors, examples where permits not required, direct debit mandates, collections and trading on private property, improving local and national information on the website, social media and reporting issues.
- Charity shops and business rate relief.
- Setting a work plan, with timescales and including drivers, street collections and busking policy.

RESOLVED:

1. That an update on street collections be considered at the next meeting.
2. That an updated work programme be circulated.



3. That the update be received with thanks.

16/15 LICENSING ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE
(Agenda Item 5)

Consideration was given to a brief summary of the enforcement activity undertaken by the Licensing service.

Issues discussed included:

- Planned review of driver training for taxi, private and executive hire, including BTEC and NVQ courses available, requirements and rolling programme for existing drivers.
- Increase in executive hire driver applications and need to control numbers.
- Need for more onerous driver conditions as required by other local authorities.
- Multi-agency checks, proving where a driver is unlicensed and poster campaign in public houses.
- Ascertaining whether a PubWatch meeting was planned in New Mills.
- Checks in supermarkets on those buying age restricted items.

RESOLVED:

1. That on behalf of the Committee the Chairman liaise with the Executive member and an Individual Executive Decision be taken to not grant any further driver applications, until the review of training and conditions is complete and information on the website be updated.
2. That a further report on the review of the taxi, private and executive hire policy be considered.
3. That the report and comments made be noted.

The meeting concluded at 7.26 pm.

CHAIRMAN