

LICENSING COMMITTEE

20 September 2016

Present:

Councillor Roger D Spackman (Chair)

Councillors Sheldon, Brimble, Hannan, Henson, Holland, Keen, Mitchell, Owen, Sills and Foale

Apologies:

Councillors Branston, Newby and Pearson

Also present:

Environmental Health and Licensing Manager, Litigation Solicitor and Democratic Services Officer (Committees) (HB)

21 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2016 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

22 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

23 **Amendments to the Policy relating to Practices and Procedures for the Control of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators**

The Environmental Health and Licensing Manager presented the report of the Assistant Director Environment seeking to introduce amendments to the current policy relating Practices and Procedures for the control of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators.

An informal inquiry had been received concerning a licence for a Pedicab (cycle rickshaw). This would be the first vehicle of this type licenced in Exeter, and as such Devon County Highways had been consulted regarding the use of bus lanes, cycle paths etc. and their responses had been incorporated into the policy.

RESOLVED that the following additions to Appendix O of Practices and Procedures for the control of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, Drivers and Operators be approved:-

- O19 All licensed private hire vehicles will display approved bus lane stickers at all times, which must be placed on the rear of the vehicle and on both sides of the vehicle towards the rear. (*Pedicabs are treated as private hire vehicles for the purposes of the policy*).
- O20 As Pedicabs are not classed as a motor vehicle they are entitled to use cycle lanes (where wide enough to safely accommodate the Pedicab)

24 **General Update on Licensing issues**

The Environmental Health and Licensing Manager gave a presentation updating Members on the following:-

Best Bar None Exeter City Council
Taxi Driver Training
Exeter Helpzone
Taxi Marshall Scheme
Illegal Street Trading Prosecution
Street Trading Policy

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a working group comprising Councillors Brimble, Hannan, Mitchell, Owen and Sheldon and with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture also invited meet to review the Council's Street Trading Policy.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and closed at 6.25 pm

Chair