

Minutes

Meeting name	Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	Monday, 19 March 2018
Start time	6.30 pm
Venue	Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH

Present:

Chair Councillor J. Wyatt (Chair)

Councillors P. Baguley (Vice-Chair) P. Cumbers
J. Douglas P. Faulkner
A. Freer-Jones E. Holmes
J. Simpson

Observers

Officers Licensing & Compliance Officer (Business Advisor: Licensing) (SG)
Administrative Assistant (LT)

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L11	<p>Apologies for Absence There were apologies from Councillor A. Freer-Jones and Councillor L. Higgins.</p>															
L12	<p>Declarations of Interest Councillor P. Faulkner declared a personal pecuniary interest in Item 4.</p>															
L13	<p>Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the chair.</p> <p>Councillor P. Faulkner left the room.</p>															
L14	<p>Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2018 The Members discussed the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in relation to Trike vehicles and asked a series of questions to the Business Advisor: Licensing (Licensing and Compliance Officer). Members showed enthusiasm and support for the about the business venture and the possibility of increased tourism.</p> <p>Councillor E Holmes proposed to defer the decision. Councillor T Greenow seconded. The vote was unanimous. It was resolved that the decision be deferred to another date (to be determined) and a draft policy has been made, taking into account the points raised in the discussion, as shown in the table below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="284 1240 1425 2130"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="284 1240 357 1283"></th> <th data-bbox="357 1240 839 1283">Points raised</th> <th data-bbox="839 1240 1425 1283">Discussion</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1283 357 1413">1.</td> <td data-bbox="357 1283 839 1413">Business Case</td> <td data-bbox="839 1283 1425 1413">Members mentioned that the Business Case referred to on page 9 was missing and would like to see this.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1413 357 1753">2.</td> <td data-bbox="357 1413 839 1753">Clarity over minimum height of a passenger</td> <td data-bbox="839 1413 1425 1753">Page 8 states “the advice from the manufacturer is that anyone below the height of 165cm would not be allowed to travel on this vehicle” Page 82: Current policy states minimum height of passenger is 1.35m. Members would like this to be looked into and clarified.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 1753 357 2047">3.</td> <td data-bbox="357 1753 839 2047">Possible age restriction</td> <td data-bbox="839 1753 1425 2047">Members discussed the possibility of an age restriction of no under 16s and a discussion ensued. The Licensing & Compliance Officer mentioned that the passenger would need to touch the foot plate and therefore would exclude a lot of younger people.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="284 2047 357 2130">4.</td> <td data-bbox="357 2047 839 2130">Speed</td> <td data-bbox="839 2047 1425 2130">Licensing & Compliance Officer stated that the vehicle can reach a speed of</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Points raised	Discussion	1.	Business Case	Members mentioned that the Business Case referred to on page 9 was missing and would like to see this.	2.	Clarity over minimum height of a passenger	Page 8 states “the advice from the manufacturer is that anyone below the height of 165cm would not be allowed to travel on this vehicle” Page 82: Current policy states minimum height of passenger is 1.35m. Members would like this to be looked into and clarified.	3.	Possible age restriction	Members discussed the possibility of an age restriction of no under 16s and a discussion ensued. The Licensing & Compliance Officer mentioned that the passenger would need to touch the foot plate and therefore would exclude a lot of younger people.	4.	Speed	Licensing & Compliance Officer stated that the vehicle can reach a speed of
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		93 miles per hour the same as a car with the experience of driving outside. Members discussed the possibility of a limiter and whether this was needed with the speed limits on the road.
5.	Protective clothing/helmets	Members were concerned that in the information provided it was not necessary for passengers to wear crash helmets. The Licensing & Compliance Officer said that it was not needed however it was recommended to wear crash helmets with protective clothing. The crash helmets would have a radio installed to have communication with the driver. Members were concerned about whether a range of appropriate sizing of protective clothing would be available to passengers and how the clothing would be cleaned for personal hygiene reasons.
6.	Weddings	Exempt from Private Hire Licensing.
7.	Members to see vehicle	Licensing & Compliance Officer mentioned that it could be arranged for the Members to see the vehicle. Members thought this would be a useful thing to do.
8.	Equality	Members discussed equality and accessibility issues in relation to the trike and how this would relate to the policy. The Licensing & Compliance Officer explained that the Trikes would not be for general Private Hire use but for tours and that there would be a talk and criteria to follow for passengers whom wished to travel in the vehicle.
9.	Height of the vehicle and adverse weather conditions	Members were concerned about the height of the vehicle and whether this would be visible to other vehicles on the road and how the vehicle would be in the rain. Members suggested the possibility of attaching a flag to the vehicle to increase visibility and whether the trike would need its lights on.
10.	Buddy for a lone travelling passenger	Members queried page 86 in relation to the Buddy and the DBS would be

		checked and monitored by the Local Authority.
	11. Appendix B	Members were happy with the contents of Appendix B except need to change wording of 2a from “3 years from date of application” to “3 years old from date of application”. Members noted that basic conditions would be covered by insurance.
	12. Consultation process and turnaround time for Draft conditions.	A discussion was had about the consultation process. The Licensing and Compliance to check with Legal to clarify this. Members were eager to see the draft conditions before the next Scheduled Licensing and Regulatory Committee. Licensing and Compliance Officer to organise an ad hoc Licensing and Regulatory Committee.
L15	Urgent Business There was no urgent business to discuss.	

The meeting closed at: 7.55 pm

Chair