

## **A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD**

**WAS HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2013**

The Mayor (Councillor Dickson) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (Chairman) (P), Carter CK (P), Mrs Cully (P), Ms Diffey (P), Hazel (P), Jacobs (P), Mrs Morgan, Murphy (P), Scard (P) and Mrs Wright (P).

### **51. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Mrs Morgan.

### **52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

### **53. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 27 November 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### **54. DEPUTATIONS**

There were none.

### **55. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were none.

## **PART II**

### **56. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSE UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Community and Customer Services Manager advising the Licensing Board of an application to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence for a vehicle not meeting the standard conditions.

Members were advised that the applicant had already purchased the vehicle not fully understanding the implications of the vehicle being eight months over the regulated three years restriction policy.

The Board were further advised that inspection of the vehicle had been carried out by the Licensing Officer and a copy of the Licensing Officer's inspection report is detailed in the appendices of the report.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be approved.

**57. APPLICATION TO EXEMPT VEHICLE FROM AGE CRITERIA TO BE LICENSED AS A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Community and Customer Services Manager advising the Licensing Board of an application to grant a Private Hire Vehicle Licence for a vehicle not meeting the standard conditions.

The Board were advised that the vehicle was over five years old. The vehicle had passed a recent MOT test and an inspection carried out by the Licensing Officer showed that the vehicle met the standards required to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle. Members were further advised that, should approval be granted, the vehicle would be subject to a full mechanical inspection every six months when it became 6 years old later in the year.

The applicant was invited to address the Board whereby he advised that he wished to transfer Plate No 46 on car registration YL07 KHG to a mini bus (RE61 WVW) that had at present a private hire plate. The applicant advised that he would also like to continue to operate YL07 KHG under a new private hire vehicle licence plate.

Members welcomed the provision of an additional eight seater bus and agreed that this would benefit the taxi rank demand and add to the two that were already in service.

**RESOLVED:** That the application be approved.

**58. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.

The meeting ended at 18:15pm

CHAIRMAN