

Licensing Board 27 January 2015
**A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD
WAS HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2015**

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Mrs Batty (P), Beavis (P), Ms Diffey (P), Mrs Forder, Geddes (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Murphy (P), Ronayne (P), Scard (P), and Mrs Searle .

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Wright had been nominated to replace Councillor Mrs Searle for this meeting.

46. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor, and Councillors Hook, Mrs Forder and Mrs Searle.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

48. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 9 December 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

49. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

50. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

51. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Environmental Health requesting consideration be given to an application to renew and extend an existing Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence for a vehicle that will be more than 8 years old at the time of the renewal and will not meet the Gosport Borough Hackney Carriage and Private Hire standard conditions.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that should an application for a vehicle over 8 years be approved an annual renewal would be required. It would then be for the Licensing Officer to decide, at the point of renewal, whether the vehicle was of an acceptable standard to continue being used as a Hackney Carriage.

Members questioned whether the taxi conditions policy needed updating as a number of vehicles over 8 years old had been considered and approved by the Board.

Members also expressed concern that there was a large gap in the service history of the vehicle between 183000 and 400000 miles.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that the conditions were originally considered by the Licensing Board in 2008 and that it was proposed that revised conditions would be presented to the Board in March.

The applicant advised the Board that he had purchased the vehicle and that the service history was not in place as the previous owner had owned a garage and undertaken the work himself and that as a result, documented service history was not provided. The applicant advised that he also owned his own garage and maintained the vehicle to a high standard, often going above and beyond the work required.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board were advised that following the advisory marking on the steering column at the MOT test undertaken in December, repairs had been fully undertaken.

RESOLVED: That the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, in exceptional circumstances be granted and that delegated authority be given to the Head of Environmental Services to determine future renewals of the vehicle. where satisfied that the vehicle on presentation is in a sound mechanical condition and safe..

52. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reiterated that revised taxi conditions would be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

The Meeting concluded at 6.10pm

CHAIRMAN