

8 MARCH 2013

**NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Friday, 8 March 2013.

- p Cllr G C Beck (Chairman)
- p Cllr W H Dow (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:**

- p S J Clarke
- p J D Heron
- p Miss A J Hickman
- p Mrs M McLean
- p J Penwarden
- p L R Puttock
- p A W Rice

**Councillors:**

- p R F Scrivens
- M H Thierry
- ap S S Wade
- p Mrs C V Ward
- p P R Woods
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

**Officers Attending:**

Mrs L Clark, Miss A Fairclough, Ms A Righton, Ms M Stephens and P Weston.

**26. MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2013 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

No declarations of interest were made by members in connection with an agenda item.

**28. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

**29. REVIEW OF TAXI LICENSING POLICY – VEHICLE ENGINE SIZES (REPORT A).**

The Committee considered changes to the current policy regarding acceptable vehicle engine sizes for licensed vehicles, as stated in the 'General Conditions of Fitness and Design of Vehicles'.

The New Forest Taxi Association had requested the change in policy in order to reflect the advancements in vehicle technology and engine designs, specifically a reduction in the initial entry level set for engine capacity (for both petrol and diesel vehicles) licensed to carry 4 passengers. This would give hackney carriage and private hire drivers more choice over a range of vehicles that could be used for taxi work.

Members supported the proposed changes.

**RESOLVED:**

That the policy regarding acceptable vehicle engine sizes for licensed vehicles, as stated in the 'General Conditions of Fitness and Design of Vehicles' be amended as set out in paragraph 8.1 of Report A to the Committee.

Action: Paul Weston

**30. DELEGATION OF POWER TO OFFICERS.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the following powers be delegated to the officers shown:

<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>POWER DELEGATED</b>	<b>DELEGATION TO</b>
Licensing Act 2003 and any amending legislation	To make representations on behalf of the licensing authority on applications for new, or to vary, premises licences or club premises certificates	Chief Executive Executive Directors
Licensing Act 2003 and any amending legislation	To apply, on behalf of the licensing authority, for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate.	Chief Executive Executive Directors

Action: Jan Debnam

CHAIRMAN

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