

PUBLIC PROTECTION SUB-COMMITTEE

25 JUNE 2015

PRESENT

Councillor M. Whetton (in the Chair).

Councillors B. Sharp (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, M. Freeman, D. Jarman, M. Sephton and J. Smith

In attendance for Minute Nos 4, 5 and 6

Councillor J. Coupe

In attendance

D. Goldstein	- Solicitor
J. Boyle	- Licensing Team Leader
N. Owen	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Duffield

4. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (REMAINING ITEMS)

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as specified.

5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE ROOF TOP SIGN

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider a request from Open Taxi Top Limited for the mounting and utilisation of an electronic roof top display sign for LTC TX1, 2 and 4 hackney carriage vehicles in Trafford.

The owner of Open Taxi Top Limited attended the meeting to make representations to the Sub-Committee and answer any questions.

Members of the Sub-Committee inspected a hackney carriage vehicle fitted with the sign.

RESOLVED: That the use of the Open Messenger Roof Top Sign be approved from 1st January 2016 subject to no problems arising from the trial in Liverpool and full approval being granted by Liverpool City Council and the following:-

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The Council reserves the right to require the immediate removal of the sign at the proprietor's own expense should any issue arise that cannot be rectified to its satisfaction, and subject to the following conditions:

There shall be no moving images, animation, video or full motion images displayed on the digital sign unless consent has been granted for such displays;

The display should not change more frequently than every 5 seconds unless consent has been granted for such displays;

The luminance level of the digital sign shall comply with the Institute of Lighting Engineers Technical Report no 5 (2003); and

The digital sign will conform to the five "Standard Conditions" specified in Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007.

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE RAMP

The Head of Regulatory Services submitted a report requesting Members to consider approving a request from Tigweld4u Taxi Parts Limited to allow the use of an alternative wheelchair ramp and ramp under tray for the LTC TX1, 2 and 4.

The owner of Tigweld4u Taxi Parts Limited attended the meeting to make representations to the Sub-Committee and answer any questions.

Members of the Sub-Committee inspected the alternative wheelchair ramp.

RESOLVED: That approval of the use of the wheelchair ramp and ramp under tray be granted subject to the proviso that the Council reserves the right to require the immediate removal of the ramp at the proprietor's own expense should any issue arise that cannot be rectified to its satisfaction.

7. PRIVATE HIRE/HACKNEY CARRIAGE KNOWLEDGE TEST - APPLICANT FOUND USING REFERENCE MATERIAL DURING EXAM

The Head of Public Protection submitted a report requesting Members to consider an incident where an applicant was found using reference material during the Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Knowledge Test exam.

The applicant provided the Sub-Committee with a brief outline of what he said were the circumstances of the incident.

The invigilator who was present for the exam was present to answer any questions the Sub-Committee Members had.

The applicant also answered questions directed to him from Sub-Committee Members.

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The Sub-Committee requested that procedures undertaken for the knowledge test were reviewed.

RESOLVED: That Mr. T. Y be allowed to re-sit the knowledge test but only after a period of 6 months has elapsed from 4th February 2015.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.47 pm