

Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday, 26 November 2013 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors: P S Le Chevalier  
J M Smith  
R J Thompson

Officers: Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Technical Support Officer (Licensing)  
Team Leader – Democratic Support  
Democratic Support Officer□

348 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received from Members.

349 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no substitute members appointed.

350 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

351 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 20 August 2013, 5 September 2013, 26 September 2013 and 15 October 2013, subject to the deletion of the words 'Democratic Support Officer' from the attendance of the meeting held on 26 September 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

352 FEES AND CHARGES 2014/15

The Committee received the report of the Director of Governance on fees and charges for 2014/15.

It was moved by Councillor P S Le Chevalier, duly seconded, and

RESOLVED: (a) That the Fees and Charges 2014/15 as set out in Annex 4 be approved.

(b) That Members approve the general principle that fees are set at an appropriate inclusive level, irrespective of VAT status, and that the VAT element within the overall fee level is then determined.

(c) That Members approve the general principle that, unless the fee is set by statute, licensing fees will be set on a cost recovery basis.

- (d) That the Head of Regulatory Services be authorised to adopt fees at, or close to government directed levels without the need for further reporting, in cases where the Council is awaiting for Government guidance and it has not been possible to set a fee level at this stage.
- (e) That authority be delegated to the Head of Regulatory Services in consultation with the Director of Governance and the Director of Finance, Housing and Community, to make minor adjustments to the fees and charges.

353 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 - APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF POLICY GUIDELINES - MR K SHORT

The Licensing Enforcement Officer informed the Committee that Mr K Short had applied to the Council for the transfer of Private Hire Vehicle Licence PHV106 to a Chrysler 300c, registration number KY56 OGM.

The date of the vehicles first registration was 26 September 2006 which was outside of the Council's adopted policy guidelines by reason of it exceeding 5 years of age. The mileage was 60,000 miles at the time of its MOT on 21 November 2013 which was within policy guidelines.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer confirmed that she had inspected the vehicle on 14 November 2013 and had found the vehicle to be in excellent condition.

RESOLVED: That, notwithstanding the Council's current policy guidelines and as an exception on the grounds of age, overall condition of the vehicle and its mileage being just outside of policy guidelines, Mr K Short be GRANTED a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Chrysler 300c (KY56 OGM) for a period of 12 months.

The meeting ended at 10.02 am.