

**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD ON**

11 September 2018

7.30 - 8.04 pm

PRESENT

Committee Members

Councillor John Strachan (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillor Ian Beckett

Councillor Nick Churchill

Councillor Karen Clempner

Councillor Michael Garnett

Councillor Maggie Hulcoop

Councillor Lanie Shears

Officers

Michael Pitt, Environment and Licensing Manager

Dimple Roopchand, Assistant Solicitor

David Taylor, Principal Environmental Health Officer

Denise Westwood, Junior Legal Assistant

Jo Maskell, Governance Support Officer

APOLOGIES

Councillor Tony Hall

Councillor Andrew Johnson

Councillor Edna Stevens

10. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

11. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2018 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

13. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

14. **COMMITTEE WORK PLAN**

The Committee received its work plan for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Work Plan is noted.

15. **USE OF ROOF SIGNS ON PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

Further to Minute 43 (15/3/18), the Committee received a report on the result of the consultation on whether roof signs should be permitted on private hire vehicles.

The Committee felt that appropriate roof signs would be a safety feature for customers; and did not believe that there would be confusion with the hire trade, particularly as in Harlow, Hackney Carriages were required to be purpose built London cabs, which were easily identifiable.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- (a) Private Hire Vehicle licensing conditions be amended to require private hire vehicles to display roof signs;
- (b) the specification for roof signs displayed by licensed private hire vehicles, be delegated to the Environment and Licensing Manager in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee.

16. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

17. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE