

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of a **MEETING** of the **REGULATORY COMMITTEE** held on 18 July 2016 at 10.30 am

Present

Councillors

Mrs F J Colthorpe, D R Coren, N V Davey, T G Hughes, Mrs G Doe, J L Smith, L D Taylor and R Wright

Apologies

Councillor

K Busch, R J Chesterton, D J Knowles and P H D Hare-Scott

Present

Officers

Thomas Keating (Lead Licensing Officer) and Sarah Lees (Member Services Officer)

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN (THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL, CLLR T G HUGHES, IN THE CHAIR)

RESOLVED that Cllr Coren be elected Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

2 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED that Cllr Mrs J Doe be elected Vice Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2016/17.

3 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Apologies were received from the following Members:

Cllr K I Busch

Cllr R J Chesterton

Cllr P H D Hare-Scott

Cllr D J Knowles

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

5 MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 29 February 2016 were confirmed as a true and accurate record and **SIGNED** by the Chairman.

6 ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

The Lead Licensing Officer provided the Committee with the following updates:

1. A driver in Crediton had been issued with a simple caution due to having parked on a Hackney Carriage rank. He had said that he had been dropping off a passenger but had admitted this had not been the right thing to do therefore prosecution was not pursued in this case.
2. The Licensing Department had recently suspended a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver due to some concerns regarding whether the driver was fit on medical grounds. Contact would be made with the drivers GP to glean more information.
3. A Hearing had recently been held following the receipt of a new application for a Private Hire licence for a vehicle that was 5 years and 45 days old. The policy had stated that new applications would generally only be granted if a vehicle was under 5 years old. However, the Sub Committee had inspected the vehicle and had listened to evidence regarding its condition concluding that the licence could be granted.

A brief discussion took place regarding the licensing of vintage vehicles. It was explained that vehicles used exclusively in connection with weddings did not require a licence. If they were doing other work (i.e. proms) a licence would be required but exceptions could be made so classic vehicles did not necessarily need to have a Mid Devon District Council plate displayed on its bumper.

7 **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The Committee had before it, and **NOTED**, a report from the Public Health and Professional Service Manager presenting the new Public Health Services Enforcement Policy which encompassed the Licensing regulatory functions carried out by the Council.

Discussion had taken place regarding this item in the previous Licensing Committee. No further comments were made.

Note: * Report previously circulated; copy attached to the **SIGNED** minutes.

(The meeting ended at 10.45 am)

CHAIRMAN