

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

31 July 2014

# 3

7.06 pm – 7.48 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

### Minutes

#### Membership:

|                                     |   |                             |   |
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| Councillor Chris Brine (Chair)      | P | Councillor John Jones       | P |
| Councillor Karon Cross (Vice-Chair) | A | Councillor Russell Miles    | P |
| Councillor Miranda Clifton          | P | Councillor Elizabeth Peters | P |
| Councillor June Cordwell            | P | Councillor Gary Powell      | P |
| Councillor Jonathan Edmunds         | A | Councillor Nigel Prenter    | A |
| Councillor Julie Job                | P | Councillor Penny Wride      | P |

P = Present    A = Absent

#### Other Councillors Present:

None

#### Officers Present:

|                                     |                                  |
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| Strategic Head of Customer Services | Licensing Officer                |
| Principal Licensing Officer         | Apprentice (Democratic Services) |
| Solicitor                           |                                  |

#### CSLC.011      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Karon Cross, Jonathan Edmunds and Nigel Prenter.

#### CSLC.012      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

#### CSLC.013      MINUTES

**RESOLVED** That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 3 April 2014 and the Minutes of the Community Services Committee held on 12 June 2014 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**CSLC.014      PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None received.

**CSLC.015      WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman stated that after the last meeting he had contacted all members in order to organise a date where members could update and agree a work programme, but was unsuccessful in doing so. The Chairman then suggested that Democratic Services organise the meeting for members to attend. The Strategic Head of Customer Services also informed members there was a Health and Wellbeing update ready for September's meeting.

**RESOLVED**      **That Democratic Services would organise a meeting for members to update and agree the work programme, and that the Health and Wellbeing update was brought to September's meeting.**

**CSLC.016      TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE TESTING**

The Principal Licensing Officer summarised her report, members raised queries surrounding the standards that were set by the Council and whether these were fairly administered. The Principal Licensing Officer assured that all of the garages had been contacted and the responses were positive from them.

**RESOLVED**      **(a) To approve the vehicle inspection report as set out within Appendix B to this report.**  
**(b) To adopt the policy set out in Appendix C within this report for the authorising garages to undertake vehicle testing on behalf of the Council, with the addition of the words 'and employees' after the word 'management' in paragraph 15.**  
**(c) To adopt the policy in this report for requiring certification from meter fitters as set out in Paragraph 5.3.**

**CSLC.017      TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER BADGES**

The Principal Licensing Officer outlined her report to the Committee and answered questions from members when required. Members raised various concerns surrounding the size of the badges and whether they were visible or not to the general public. The Principal Licensing Officer advised members that the text on the badges were bigger in order to be easily seen.

**RESOLVED**      **To amend Stroud District Council's policy so that licensed drivers are issued with 2 driver badges. One badge to be worn by the driver where it is easily visible. One badge to be displayed on the passenger side front dash board in the vehicle in a position and manner easily visible to passengers entering the vehicle.**

**CSLC.018    MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

None received.

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm.

**Chair**