

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE,
4th September 2018**

PRESENT: Councillor Thornber (Chair)
Councillors Mrs Allen, Machell, Peel, Pillai, Shoukat, Sutherland.

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Smith and Sweeney.

(Councillor Sutherland arrived at 1805 hours).

(Councillor Shoukat arrived at 1810 hours).

(The meeting closed at 1900 hours).

17 MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH AUGUST 2018

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee held on 6th August 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DOOR SIGN POLICY

The Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods submitted a written report seeking consideration of the current Private Hire Vehicle Conditions, specifically Private Hire vehicle door signs. At the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 11th December 2017 a report was considered in relation to door signs when it was resolved that:

“(a) it be recommended to Council that the Private Hire Vehicle Conditions be amended to allow adhesive door signs only, to be implemented from the 1st April 2018 for all new licences and at Renewal of existing Private Hire Vehicle Licences; and

(b) the Acting Head of Customer Services be requested to submit a report 12 months after implementation, on the progress of the implementation of Private Hire Vehicle, Adhesive Door Signs to a future meeting of the Committee.”

This was then approved by Council on 31st January 2018.

At the Licensing Working Party held on 8th August 2018, Members agreed that a meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee be scheduled during week commencing 3rd September 2018 to consider a report on adhesive door signs.

When the matter was previously considered by Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 11th December 2017, it followed a consultation. The consultation took place with the West Yorkshire Combined Authorities including York, Rossendale and Rotherham Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Services were also consulted. The results were detailed in Appendix 1. The consultation also took place with members of the Private Hire and Taxi Licensing trade, members of the public, West Yorkshire Police and other Council Departments. The results were detailed in Appendix 2.

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Councillor Naeem and Mr Stephen Gayle, Halifax Taxi Owners Association attended the meeting and addressed the Committee.

Members discussed in detail the results of the consultation and the responses from the following parties:

- the general public;
- eight neighbouring Local Authorities;
- the trade;
- Calderdale Council E-call;
- Halifax Pub Watch; and
- West Yorkshire Police.

Members considered the advantages and disadvantages of adhesive and magnetic door signs.

***RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that the Private Hire Vehicle Conditions be amended to permit adhesive and or magnetic backed door signs for Private Hire vehicles be approved.**