

Minutes of the **Licensing Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held virtually by MS Teams
on Thursday 19 November 2020 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor G Bailey
(Chairman)

Councillor N Matthews
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillor I Andersen
Councillor T Burley
Councillor J Burnage
Councillor N Daas
Councillor C Donnelly
Councillor A Dowden

Councillor D Drew
Councillor N Gwynne
Councillor L Lashbrook
Councillor P Lashbrook
Councillor R Meyer
Councillor J Parker

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Johnston

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Minutes of the Licensing Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 15 October be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 22 October be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Hackney Carriage Licensing - Future Policy

The Borough Council continues to be in a minority of authorities that restricts the number of hackney carriage licences it issues. Following consideration of this matter at the meeting of this Committee held on 25 September 2014, a decision was made

to issue five additional hackney carriage licences but only for vehicles meeting agreed quality control measures, i.e. wheelchair accessible vehicles. All but one of these licences has now been issued and so the Borough Council must re-visit its current policy.

Officers recommended that a consultation exercise be undertaken to help seek views on determining any future policy on the matter.

Members were concerned that the consultation exercise should be as broadly based as possible, and the Licensing Manager confirmed he was content with that approach.

Resolved:

- 1. That the Head of Legal and Democratic arrange for a consultation exercise to be undertaken in respect of the current policy of restricting hackney carriage licence numbers.**
- 2. That the results of the consultation form the basis of a further report on the matter to this Committee to assist the Committee in formulating the Council's future policy on the subject.**

(The meeting terminated at 5.56 pm)