

<b>Minutes of</b>	<b>Licensing and Public Safety Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Tuesday, 12 December 2023</b>
<b>Committee members present:</b>	Councillors Mathew Forshaw, Peter Gabbott (Chair), James Gleeson, Harry Hancock, Emma Stevens and John Rainsbury
<b>Officers present:</b>	Chris Ward (Licensing Manager), Tasneem Safdar (Shared Legal Services Team Leader) and Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer)
<b>Public:</b>	0

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### **23 Appointment of Chair**

The Legal Advisor to the committee explained that apologies had been received from the Chair and Vice Chair.

In line with provision in the Council's constitution members were asked to elect a chair for the meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor James Gleeson and seconded by Councillor John Rainsbury that,

#### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That Councillor Peter Gabbott be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

### **24 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Jane Bell, Julie Buttery, Hilary Bedford, Jasmine Gleave and Paul Wharton-Hardman.

Councillor John Rainsbury was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Jasmine Gleave.

### **25 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **26 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 12 September 2023 of Licensing and Public Safety Committee**

#### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**27 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 12 September 2023 of General Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**28 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 17 October 2023 of General Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**29 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 18 October 2023 of General Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**30 Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 1 November 2023 of General Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**31 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 28 November 2023 of General Licensing Sub-Committee**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

**32 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 7 November 2023 of Licensing Panel**

**Resolved: (Unanimously)**

That the minutes of the meeting are approved as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

### 33 Vehicle Age Policy Update - Consultation Feedback

The Licensing Manager presented a report of the Interim Deputy Chief Executive that provided feedback on the consultation carried out in response to the intended policy amendments, with regards to the age of vehicles licenced by the authority.

The Licensing Manager explained the background to the report and advised officers were proposing to change policy to allow Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV) and Multi Purpose Vehicles (MPV) to remain licensed until twelve years old. The change would only affect the 11 vehicles on fleet that were currently not compliant.

Members noted that WAV type vehicles had been given a grace period in London within the Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ) which exempts them from paying the ULEZ charge until 24 October 2027 due to concerns about the cost of replacing the vehicles and the resulting unmet demand of having too little vehicles on fleet.

The Licensing Manager explained the policy would not include any new vehicles licenced by the authority and the number of non-euro 6 compliant vehicles would be reduced as vehicles are changed or become twelve years old.

A member not on committee raised a point around the terminology of wheelchair users and explained that not all wheelchair users were bound. Members agreed to reflect this in the policy wording.

#### **Resolved: (Unanimously)**

1. Committee note the contents of the report.
2. Committee agrees to amend the policy wording to include WAV and MPV vehicles that are not euro 6 compliant to be exempt from being euro 6 and remain licensed until 12 years old.
3. Committee agrees to amend the term "wheelchair bound" to include reference to wheelchair users.
4. The report is agreed to be presented at the next meeting of Full Council with a recommendation for formal adoption of the proposed policy changes.

Chair

Date