

APPEALS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 27th April, 2022

Present:-

Councillor A Murphy (Chair)

Councillors	Perkins Bellamy Bingham G Falconer P Innes Marriott	Councillors	Miles S Niblock Rayner Redihough Rogers
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*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**110 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

111 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Flood and Perry.

112 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals and Regulatory Committee held on 9 March, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**113 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY -
POLICY AMENDMENT CCTV**

The Licensing Manager presented a report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – CCTV and sought approval of the design of consultation.

In July 2020 the government published its document Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards which included guidance on the implementation of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles. The Standards document requires Licensing Authorities to consider the installation of CCTV matter and consult on it.

On 15 December 2021 members authorised a consultation on whether there should be implementation of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles and decided that the design of the consultation be brought back to a future meeting for approval.

***RESOLVED –**

That the design of the consultation be approved.

114 HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY - POLICY AMENDMENT EXEMPTION FROM SIGNAGE REGULATIONS

The Licensing Manager presented a report on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – Exemption from Signage Regulations and sought approval to amend signage for a limited period of one month before and three months after the Queen’s Jubilee on 2 June, 2022.

The council’s taxi and private hire licensing policy limited signage allowed on licensed vehicles and all signs must be authorised by a licensing officer before they can be used, however, the Appeals and Regulatory Committee may authorise the display of signs in support of specific causes in a manner and duration specified by them.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the exemption be approved for the period of one month before and three months after the Queen’s Jubilee on 2 June, 2022.
2. That the Licensing Officers be granted delegated authority to determine similar requests for exemptions.

115 INTRODUCTION OF A FEE FOR TRANSFER OF A SEX SHOP LICENCE

The Licensing Manager presented a report seeking approval for the introduction of a fee for the transfer of a Sex Establishment Licence (sex shop).

Sexual establishments were regulated by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

There was one establishment in the borough and a request to transfer the licence had been received, however, the transfer of a licence had not been considered when the provisions were reviewed back in 2009.

Research into the approach of neighbouring and similar Local Authorities with a fee for the transfer of a sexual establishment licence had been carried out and the common approach was to charge at least 50% of the figure for the grant.

***RESOLVED –**

That the fee for the transfer of a sexual establishment licence be set at £850.