

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **24 SEPTEMBER 2012** at

Loxley House from 10.52 am to 12.52 pm

- ✓ Councillor Cresswell (Chair)
 - ✓ Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)
 - Councillor Ali
 - Councillor Choudhry
 - ✓ Councillor Ibrahim
 - ✓ Councillor Jenkins
 - Councillor Khan
 - ✓ Councillor Molife
 - ✓ Councillor Parton
 - ✓ Councillor Saghir
 - ✓ Councillor Smith
 - ✓ Councillor Spencer
 - ✓ Councillor Wildgust
- ✓ Indicates present at meeting

Also Present

Mr G Holmes	- Managing Director)	
Mr W Prospere	- Director and Driver)	Cloud Cars Ltd.

Officers in attendance

Mr A Pearson	- Compliance Officer)	
Mr P Mitchell	- Head of Licensing Permits and)	
	Regulations)	Communities
Mrs A Rawson	- Licensing Manager)	
Mrs T Wilson	- Solicitor)	
Mrs Z West	- Constitutional Services Officer)	Resources
Mr M J Parker	- Constitutional Services Officer)	

8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali and Khan.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

11 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT ADVERTISING POLICY FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Protection, copies of which had been circulated. Mrs Rawson explained that the report had provided an opportunity to review and rationalise current policies and practices to provide a clearer indication to clients of the City Council's expectations in respect of permissible advertising on licensed vehicles.

RESOLVED that the draft policy at Appendix 2 to the report be approved with immediate effect.

12 APPLICATION TO DEPART FROM THE APPROVED ADVERTISING POLICY FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Protection, copies of which had been circulated. Councillors on the Committee that morning had the opportunity to carry out an inspection of the private hire vehicle and the proposed advertisements.

Mr Prospere and Mr Holmes from Cloud Cars Ltd. accepted the committee's invitation to attend the meeting on behalf of Cloud Cars Ltd. The report was presented by Mrs Rawson, who drew the Committee's attention to paragraphs of the report and Appendix 2 detailing the advertisements proposed by Cloud Cars Ltd.

Mr Prospere, Mr Holmes, Mrs Rawson, Mr Mitchell and Mr Pearson made their final submissions and withdrew.

RESOLVED that the application for an exemption from the City Council's Policy in respect of Advertising on Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles to display non-standard wording on company vehicles of a design which exceeds Policy specifications be refused, it being noted that the applicants could at any time submit further such applications for exemption via the Licensing Division.

13 LICENSING OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES TO CARRY ONE PASSENGER

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Protection, copies of which had been circulated. Mrs Rawson sought the Committee's views on an application to licence a smart car style vehicle to carry one passenger, which Mrs Rawson explained lay outside the scope of the City Council's current Policy

The applicant did not accept the Committee's invitation to attend the meeting and was not represented.

RESOLVED based on the information made available during the meeting:

- (1) that the licensing of vehicles capable of carrying only one passenger be approved;**
- (2) that the Council's adopted specification for private hire vehicles be amended to include the specification for one passenger vehicles as detailed in Appendix 2;**
- (3) that the licence fee for a private hire vehicle licence for a one passenger vehicle be the same as for other private hire vehicles, and that all other Council policies relating to private hire vehicles, such as the age policy, be applied to such vehicles.**

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Committee be held at 10.30 am on Monday 22 October 2012.