

LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2022 at 2.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.

Present: Councillor Sam Bambridge (Chair); Councillors Rogers, Ara, Currie, Dennis, Dexter, Huxley, M Saunders, Scobie, Shrubbs, Smith, Wing and Wright

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received at the meeting.

7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councillor Mave Saunders proposed, Councillor Shrubbs seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Board held on 14 June 2022 be signed as a correct record.

9. LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councillor Wright proposed, Councillor Shrubbs seconded and members agreed that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee held on 10 March 2022 be signed as a correct record.

10. CHANGES TO VEHICLE GUIDELINES

Alison Brock, Technical Support Manager introduced the report and said that newer car models were now being manufactured with darker glasses, which did not comply with the current regulations. The current policy covered the front windows. Rear windows were only allowed AS2. A3 was now the standard level for the back windows. Changing the windows to comply with the current policy would cost a fortune for taxi operators.

TDC was only one of a few councils that still had this requirement in place. There was also an old measurement for car seats which needed updating as well. There was a need to adopt the county wide single car seat measurement. The current measurement for rear car seats in vehicles is out of date with some other authorities and therefore it has been changed to assist in allowing other types of vehicles to be licenced for less than 4 passengers.

Councillor Rogers proposed, Councillor Wing seconded and the Board agreed the requested changes to the current guidelines, as detailed in Annex 1 to the report.

Meeting concluded: 2.10 pm