

Present: Councillor Frank Pickett (Chairman), (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Tom Ashton, Alison Austin, Katie Chalmers, Anton Dani, Stephen Woodliffe, Yvonne Stevens and Judy Welbourn

In attendance -

Officers –

Land Charges & Licensing Officer, Land Charges & Licensing Assistant, Community Safety Manager and Democratic Services Apprentice

**16 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman opened the meeting and invited nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year.

Councillor Alison Austin proposed Councillor Yvonne Stevens and Councillor Katie Chalmers seconded.

Councillor Stephen Woodliffe proposed Councillor Alison Austin.

Councillor Judy Welbourn proposed Councillor Tom Ashton and Councillor Stephen Woodliffe seconded.

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Yvonne Stevens be elected as Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the 2021/22 Municipal year.**

**17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held 10 November 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**18 APOLOGIES**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Alan Bell and Judith Skinner.

**19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None

**21 STATUTORY TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE STANDARDS**

The Land Charges and Licensing Officer presented the Committee with a report which set out the Department for Transport minimum licensing standards for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles published in July 2020. The report came with recommendations for the Committee to;

1. Consider the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards shown in Appendix 1 of the report
2. Consider the proposed amendments and recommendations shown in the Assessment document in Appendix 2 of the report produced by Licensing Officers to identify the areas requiring further work.

Members were in agreement that a smaller, informal group should be created in order to look into certain areas in more detail. It was agreed that the membership of each meeting be based on the content of the meeting and the availability of members.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That a sub-group be formed comprising of three or four members to look in detail at areas requiring further work.**
- 2. That the findings of the sub-group be reported to Full Committee meetings at regular intervals.**

The Meeting ended at 2.45 pm