

Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING  
COMMITTEE held at 9.30 am on Tuesday,  
5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at Main Committee Room,  
Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

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Present

Councillor M A Barningham (in the Chair)

Councillor	R A Baker	Councillor	K G Hardisty
	P Bardon		N A Knapton
	D M Blades		A Wake

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S P Dickins, D Hugill and R Kirk.

LC.10 **MINUTES**

**THE DECISION:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 November 2018 (LC.7 - LC.9), and to confirm the minutes of the Licensing and Appeals Hearings Panel held on 22 November 2018 (LAHP.19 – LAHP.20), (LAHP. 21 - LAHP.22), (LAHP.23 – LAHP.24), 9 January 2019 (LAHP.25) and 22 January 2019 (LAHP.26), previously circulated, be signed as correct records.

LC.11 **AMENDMENTS TO SCHEME OF DELEGATION**

All Wards

**The subject of the decision:**

This report sought approval to delegate certain functions reserved to the Licensing and Appeals Hearings Panel to senior officers.

**Alternative options considered:**

The Licensing Committee considered the Director's report and, having concluded that giving delegated authority to senior officers to revoke a licence which was a statutory obligation or where immediate action was required to safeguard the public was appropriate, there was no other suitable option.

**The reason for the decision:**

The Licensing Committee considered whether to give delegated authority to senior officers to revoke a licence which was a statutory obligation or where immediate action was required to safeguard the public.

The Committee noted that officers had no discretion to revoke a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence if a matter of significant concern arose in respect of their fitness and propriety. The Committee noted that under current procedures a driver could continue to drive until a meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Hearings Panel could be convened. The Committee concluded that time delays in arranging a meeting could pose a risk to the public and that it was appropriate that senior officers be given delegated authority to revoke a driver's licence where a significant concern regarding a driver's conduct had arisen.

**THE DECISION:**

That delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Law and Governance to revoke a licence where such action is a statutory obligation or where immediate action is considered necessary to safeguard the public.

The meeting closed at 9.55 am

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Chairman of the Committee