

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **Remote Zoom Meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Present** – Councillors Myers (Chairman), Handley, Heseltine, Jaquin, Metcalfe, Moorby, Solloway and Whitaker.

**Officers** – Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer), Legal Services Manager, Licensing Manager, Democratic Services Manager, Senior Democratic Services Officer and Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Madeley, Mulligan and Pighills.

Start: 6.30pm

Finish: 6:55pm

The minutes of the Committee's meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were confirmed.

### **Minutes for Report**

LIC.236

#### **CCTV**

The Chairman introduced the Licensing Manager who submitted a report which proposed to review the introduction of mandatory CCTV in Licensed Vehicles due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Licensing Manager reminded Members of the new Taxi Policy introduced in June 2018, members decided to make Taxi Cameras in Licensed Vehicles mandatory. After further consideration at a subsequent meeting Members decided to delay the mandatory condition until 1 September 2020. The uncertainty of economic recovery due to the current climate was emphasised by the Licensing Manager, with this in mind the Licensing Manager invited Members to consider a revised implementation date.

The Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer read a statement to Committee on behalf of Mr John Pickering which agreed the need to delay implementation, emphasised the financial implications of Covid-19 on drivers and requested the Council's support.

After brief discussion, Members agreed that in light of current circumstances that the implementation date should be reconsidered. Once Member suggested a further review of the implementation date at the October Licensing Committee when hopefully the situation would have more clarity.

A recorded vote took place which was unanimously in favour of delayed implementation and review date.

**Resolved** – That, the implementation date of the mandatory CCTV is delayed and reviewed at the October Licensing Committee.

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#### **LICENSING UPDATE**

The Licensing Manager provided Members with a brief verbal update. The Licensing Team structure was explained to Members, the recent recruitment of a Licensing Officer, and the job vacancy (to be advertised soon) currently occupied by an agency staff member. Members were pleased to note the continued demand for service including premise applications and licenses.

Craven District Council

Chairman.