

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing and Regulatory Committee** held on **Monday 27 January 2020 at 5.30 pm** in the **Council Chamber, College Heath Road, Mildenhall IP28 7EY**

Present: **Councillors**

Chair Clive Springett

Michael Anderson	Aaron Luccarini
Carol Bull	Margaret Marks
Patrick Chung	Richard Rout
Roger Dicker	Don Waldron
Pat Hanlon	Frank Warby
Brian Harvey	Phil Wittam
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7. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rachel Hood and Robert Nobbs.

8. **Substitutes**

The following substitution was declared:

Councillor Brian Harvey substituting for Councillor Robert Nobbs.

9. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

10. **Public Participation**

There were no questions/statements from members of the public.

11. **West Suffolk Unmet Demand Survey**

Ian Millership, from CTS Traffic and Transportation Ltd, was in attendance for this item in order to deliver a presentation to the Committee on the Hackney Carriage Demand Survey which had been undertaken by CTS on behalf of West Suffolk Council.

The presentation set out the aim of the survey and outlined the results of both the Trade and public consultations.

CTS also provided an evaluation on unmet demand across the District and set out their conclusions gleaned from the process.

The presentation concluded with key comments which included the recommendation that, if West Suffolk were minded to, the combination of zones be undertaken over a moderate time period such as three years.

Members of the Committee posed questions following the presentation which were responded to.

Specific discussion took place with regard to disability accessible vehicles, electric vehicles and the impact of Newmarket race days and USAF Air Bases on taxi availability at certain times.

On conclusion, the Chair thanked CTS for their attendance and valued input.

12. **Taxi Handbook Policy Review**

The Service Manager (Environmental Health) thanked those Members who attended the Committee workshop session in October 2019; the outcome of which had been fed into the West Suffolk Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Conditions Policy Handbook review.

The Committee was advised that consultation on the revised handbook had been launched earlier that day, and would run until 9 March 2020, which sought views and feedback on the changes proposed.

Members were invited to respond to the online survey and also to encourage all interested third parties to do so.

The meeting concluded at 6.25pm

Signed by:

Chair
