

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **General Purposes Committee** held in the Castle House, Great North Road, Newark NG24 1BY on Thursday, 14 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor J Hall (Chair)
Councillor L Tift (Vice-Chair)

Councillor N Allen, Councillor A Brazier, Councillor L Brazier, Councillor R Cozens, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor D Moore, Councillor K Roberts, Councillor S Saddington, Councillor P Taylor, Councillor T Wendels and Councillor T Wildgust

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor D Darby (Committee Member) and Councillor S Michael (Committee Member)

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

NOTED that no Member or Officer declared any interest pursuant to any statutory requirement in any matter discussed or voted upon at the meeting.

9 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chair advised that the proceedings were being recorded by the Council and that the meeting was being livestreamed and broadcast from the Civic Suite, Castle House.

10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 JUNE 2023

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held 22 June 2023 were a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

11 FORWARD PLAN (OCTOBER 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 2024)

NOTED the General Purposes Committee's Forward Plan from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024.

12 UPDATE ON KIRKGATE TAXI RANK

The Committee considered the verbal update of the Environmental Health & Licensing Manager which sought to provide Members of the current position with removing the taxi rank status on Kirkgate, Newark.

Members were advised that Nottinghamshire County Council were the responsible authority for undertaking this change and had indicated that it would be actioned by the end of March 2024.

In acknowledging the above, a Member requested that the County Council be requested to erect signage making it clear that the parking bay was for a maximum stay of 30 minutes. It was reported by another Member that the Parking Enforcement Operatives were vigilant to this and enforced the maximum time limit.

A Member requested that the continued parking of private vehicles on the Castlegate Taxi Rank be investigated.

AGREED (unanimously) that the verbal update be noted.

13 UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental Health & Licensing Manager which sought to provide Members with information as to the activity and performance of the Licensing Team between 1 April and 30 June 2023.

In considering the report, a Member queried whether dashcams were a requirement for taxis licensed to operate in the district. The Environmental Health & Licensing Manager advised that currently they were not a requirement. He highlighted the cost implications should they be made a requirement and potential issues around enforcement.

A Member queried as to what the criteria was with street collections and how applications were determined. The Environmental Health & Licensing Manager advised that he would provide a written response.

AGREED (unanimously) that the report be noted.

14 MINUTES OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS SUB-COMMITTEE

NOTED the Minutes of the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Sub-Committee held on 6 July 2023.

Meeting closed at 6.20 pm.

Chairman