

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Monday, 26 June 2017 (6:15 pm – 6:28 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Winstanley (Chair); Councillors Airey, Corben, Grajewski, Pretty, Mrs Sollitt and Sollitt

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Clarke, House and Irish

RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2016 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

4. EQUALITY ACT 2010

Consideration was given to the report of the Legal Services Manager which explained that Sections 165 and 167 of the Equality Act 2010 had come into effect on 6 April 2017. Prior to implementation of the Act the Council had maintained a list of wheelchair accessible vehicles. The purpose of the published list was to allow disabled passengers to identify and more easily access suitable vehicles. In order to comply with the statutory scheme and guidance, in addition to the list, Eastleigh Borough Council, as the Licensing Authority, must have a policy regarding wheelchair accessible vehicles and the circumstances where drivers of such vehicles may be exempt on medical grounds from the duties stipulated.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the publishing of a list of wheelchair accessible vehicles, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved in

accordance with the Department for Transport's Statutory Guidance on Access for wheelchair users to Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles; and

- (2) That the 'Medical Exemption Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Under the Equality Act 2017', as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.**

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