

REGULATORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, 8 June 2021 at 1.30 pm in the Council Chamber - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

Item Business

1 Apologies

2 Minutes (Pages 3 - 4)

The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 27 April 2021.

3 Constitution (Pages 5 - 6)

Report of the Chief Executive

4 Appeals and Prosecutions (Pages 7 - 8)

Report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance

5 Gateshead Stadium Safety Certificate (Pages 9 - 10)

Report of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital

6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Committee may wish to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds indicated:-

Item No

**Paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the
Local Government Act 1972**

7,8 & 9

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7 Summary of Decisions (Pages 11 - 14)

Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Services and Governance

**8 Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Issues (Paragraph 7)
(Pages 15 - 30)**

Report of the Strategic Director Communities and Environment

	Reference	Issue
1.	RC.05.21	Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence
2.	RC.06.21	Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

9 Street Trading Certificate (Pages 31 - 58)

Report of the Strategic Director, Communities and Environment

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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULATORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 27 April 2021

PRESENT: Councillor K Dodds (Chair)

Councillor(s): W Dick, M Charlton, B Goldsworthy, M Ord,
D Bradford, J Gibson, H Kelly, L Kirton and I Patterson

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): D Duggan, J Raine, R Mullen and S Gallagher

RC284 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the last meeting be approved as a correct record.

RC285 THE IMPACT OF COVID ON THE PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE TRADE IN GATESHEAD

The Committee received an update on the impact of Covid on the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Trade in Gateshead.

The Committee heard that the service had been kept running over the last 13 months in particular due to staff having to be redeployed. The Committee were advised that there is a statutory duty to keep going and gave credit to the staff. Huge changes have had to be made in processes and everyone has been working from home. At first the testing station was closed between the 27 March and 9 June vehicles were then given priority when the station re-opened.

Instead of applicants having face to face sexualisation training and a computer based course was developed.

Officers have really tried to keep the taxi trade well informed and linked them into the Covid team to help with the guidance. The Council's standard vehicle conditions were amended.

It was recognised that Covid 19 had an impact there has been a reduction in demand and there was some anxiety and stress from some drivers working in close proximity with the public as well as facing competition from app based private business models.

There has been a reduction of 73 licensed vehicles and 33 drivers. The Council has offered grants and it has recognised the importance of the trade in getting key workers to places of work and vulnerable people to vaccine and other appointments. 600 awards of £500 were made from a Covid restrictions grant. Some taxi drivers have left the trade all together others have suspended their license and have indicated they will come back. Those who are nearing retirement

have indicated they probably won't come back, others in there 30s and 40s have been finding alternative work.

Officers have been able to signpost people to support or to GPs. It was noted that there is a lot of information on the website around mental health and dealing with anxiety however it is not directly linked to driver pages. Officers will look into this as a possibility.

RESOLVED - that the information contained within the update be noted.

RC286 APPEALS AND PROSECUTIONS

The Committee received a report outlining appeals and prosecutions during the period 4 November and 7 April 2021.

RESOLVED - That the information be noted.

Chair.....



REGULATORY COMMITTEE
8 June 2021

TITLE OF REPORT: **Constitution**

REPORT OF: **Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive**

The constitution of the Committee and the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair as approved by the Council for the 2021/22 municipal year is as follows:

Chair	Councillor Kevin Dodds
Vice Chair	Councillor Bill Dick
Councillors	Councillor Dave Bradford Councillor Marilyn Charlton Councillor Sheila Gallagher Councillor Judith Gibson Councillor Bob Goldsworthy Councillor Hugh Kelly Councillor Leigh Kirton Councillor Rachel Mullen Councillor Denise Robson Councillor Daniel Duggan Councillor Marilynn Ord Councillor Ian Patterson Vacancy

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note the information.

Contact: Helen Conway

Extension: 3993

- TITLE OF REPORT** - **Appeals and Prosecutions**
- REPORT OF** - **Mike Barker, Strategic Director Corporate Services & Governance**

The Committee is requested to consider the attached report on licensing related appeals and prosecutions during the period 4 November 2020 and 26 May 2021.

Appeals against Committee decisions

Appellant	Court	Date	Decision being appealed	Court's decision
Davood Bageban	South Tyneside Magistrates' Court	17 November 2020	Refusal of dual (Hackney Carriage & Private Hire) driver licence (15 October 2019)	Appeal dismissed

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TITLE OF REPORT: **Gateshead International Stadium Safety Certificate**

REPORT OF: **Darren Collins, Strategic Director, Resources & Digital**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Members of the Regulatory Committee with an update on safety measures at Gateshead International Stadium.

Background

2. Under the Safety at Sports Grounds Act 1975, sports grounds such as Gateshead International Stadium require a Safety Certificate which sets out the terms that must be complied with in order to operate the sports ground at its permitted capacity.
3. The Safety Certificate for Gateshead International Stadium is held by Lindsay Murray, Service Director for Trading & Commercialisation; and was most recently approved by the Regulatory Committee on 22 May 2018, and it has operated under those terms since that date with the annual compliance checks and maintenance programmes undertaken accordingly. This report is part of the Safety Certificate Holder's regular updates to the Committee.
4. As a result of the coronavirus pandemic a number of Health Protection Regulations have been introduced which have significantly impacted on the use of the stadium and meant that for the majority of the last year it was not possible to hold spectator events.
5. On 17 May 2021, the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Steps and Other Provisions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 came into effect and lifted some of the restrictions on use of such venues for spectator events, as long as they are conducted in accordance with prescribed safety measures. This includes the use of the Sports Grounds Safety Authority's guidance : SG02 Planning for Social Distancing at Sports Grounds.
6. The Stadium management team have worked closely with colleagues from the Public Health, Covid Business Compliance and Legal teams to ensure that appropriate measures are in place for social distancing and covid-security.
7. This work has culminated in the Stadium hosting the Wanda Diamond League athletics meeting on 23 May 2021 in front of approximately 2,500 spectators. The event was originally scheduled to take place in Morocco but was unable to proceed due to ongoing covid restrictions. The Safety Advisory Group provided valuable input to ensure the safe and smooth running of the event.

8. The fact that Gateshead was chosen to host this prestigious event in the lead-up to the Tokyo Olympics is testament to the collective efforts to suppress the virus in the Borough and to the Council's reputation for delivering highly organised and safe events at the Stadium.
9. Further events being planned to take place at the Stadium in the coming months, which will continue to adopt social distancing and covid-security measures for the safety of spectators, participants and staff.
10. In due course, the learning from these events will inform a review of the Safety Certificate which will be brought back before the Regulatory Committee for approval.
11. Ms Murray and Mr Strong will provide Members with a full update at the Committee meeting.

Recommendations

11. The Committee are requested to note the content of this report.

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