

Call in Rickshaw Decision – Cabinet 11 December 2012

Questions for witnesses to be asked at the O&S meeting on 23 Jan 2013

Cabinet Member Housing and Safety – Councillor Peter Jeffries

1. Does the Cabinet Member think it is an acceptable outcome to defer the decision to an unspecified date in the future?
2. Can you explain the reasons for the delays in dealing with this matter?
3. Can the Cabinet Member explain in particular;
 - a. Why the local govt elections had an impact on making this decision?
 - b. Why the change in Cabinet member had an impact on making this decision?
 - c. Why the summer recess had an impact on making this decision?
 - d. What constitutional changes led to a delay in making a decision?
4. The City of Westminster has more rickshaws in operation than the whole of the rest of the UK. In total, during 2011, there were upwards of two million journeys and there were just 8 collisions involving rickshaws. No serious injuries resulted and no passengers were injured. Were you aware of that and if so given that experience why do you still have concerns about the safety of rickshaws if operated in Cheltenham?

Business Support and Licensing Team Leader - Louis Krog

5. What professional advice did you give to Cabinet Members regarding the operation of rickshaws within other boroughs?
6. Did you refer the Cabinet to Hereford Council who appear to have been operating licensed rickshaws since 2006.
7. What advice did you give regarding safety?
8. Do you have any firm dates for when the decision on the “*outcome of the taxi and private hire licensing law reform review by the Law Commission*” - will actually be published? Is it likely to be 2013 or 2014 or even later?

Licensing Manager Herefordshire Council

9. What was the process followed at Hereford for Licensing Rickshaws?
10. Were all political groups in agreement with your Council taking the decision to license Rickshaws?
11. What were the main issues and how were they overcome?

12. What is the Hereford's experience since the rickshaws have been in operation?

Mr James Mayer – Rickshaw applicant

13. What is your experience from an applicant's point of view?