Licensing Committee 10 December 2007

Agenda Item 6

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Paragraph 2(iv)

Proposed change:

FROM

'An applicant who has an existing, or expired Anti-Social behaviour Order, should be free of the Restraining Order for a period of at least three years before an application will be considered'

TO

'Where an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) or Acceptable Behaviour Contract/Agreement (ABA) has been made in relation to an applicant for a hackney carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence, then at least three years in the case of an ASBO or two years in the case of an ABA must have elapsed since the expiry of the Order or ABA before that application can be considered.'

Reason:

ABA's are voluntary written agreements entered into with the police or local authority in the case of anti-social behaviour which does not warrant a full ASBO application. The recipient undertakes to behave in a certain way in order to avoid an ASBO application being made against him. ABA's are more common-place than ASBO's and although they have no statutory status, we should have something in place to deal with them.