

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1st June, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Clarke (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Burley
Councillor Cook
Councillor Douglas-Maul
Councillor Murray
Councillor Russell
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Wilkes

1354/11 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Carpenter, Harrison and Rochelle.

1355/11 Welcome to new Members

Councillor Sears welcomed Councillors Carpenter, Cook, Douglas-Maul, Harrison, Murray and Russell as new Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

1356/11 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th April, 2011, a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1357/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1358/11 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

Resolved

There were no matters to be considered in private session.

1359/11 **Taxi Matters**

(a) Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the Interim Head of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted and that approval be given to the re-establishment of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group for the current Municipal Year in accordance with the Terms of Reference appended to the report with the following Members nominated by the Committee:-

Councillor Clarke
Councillor Murray
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Sears

- (2) That, consequent upon the above, meetings of the Group be held at 6.00 p.m. on the following dates:-

Wednesday, 13th July, 2011
Wednesday, 14th September, 2011
Wednesday, 9th November, 2011
Wednesday, 1st February, 2012
Wednesday, 14th March, 2012

(b) Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and Interim Head of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given to the re-establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees A and B to deal with the continuing backlog of applications under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976, the Sub-Committees to be politically

balanced and to each comprise seven Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee, one of the Sub-Committees to meet in the daytime at 10.00 a.m. and the other, in the evening at 6.00 p.m.;

- (2) That consequent on the above, the Members be nominated as follows to the respective Sub-Committee:-

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A (to meet at 10.00 a.m.)

Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Burley
Councillor Carpenter
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Cook
Councillor Rochelle

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee B (to meet at 6.00 p.m.)

Councillor Cook
Councillor Douglas-Maul
Councillor Murray
Councillor Russell
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Sears
Councillor Wilkes

- (3) That meetings of the Sub-Committee be held as follows:-

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A

Thursday 23rd June, 2011 - 10.00 a.m.
Thursday, 30th June, 2011 - 10.00 a.m.
Thursday, 7th July, 2011 - 10.00 a.m.

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee B

Wednesday, 22nd June, 2011 - 6.00 p.m.

1360/11

The Licensing Act, 2003 - Licensing Sub-Committees

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the Interim Head of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted;

- (2) That approval be given to the re-establishment of Licensing Sub-Committees in accordance with Section 9 of the Licensing Act, 2003, solely to determine applications under that legislation. The Sub-Committees to comprise three Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability.

1361/11 **Licensing Sub-Committees - The Gambling Act, 2005**

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the Interim Head of Legal and Constitutional Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given to the re-establishment of Sub-Committees under the last item in relation to Section 9 of the Licensing Act, 2003 being delegated authority to determine applications under the Gambling Act, 2005 in the circumstances detailed in the Appendix attached to the report;
- (2) That the Head of Public Safety be authorised to determine applications under the Gambling Act, 2005 in the circumstances attached to the report now submitted;
- (3) That officers be requested to arrange the necessary training for Members in respect of both the Licensing Act, 2003 and the Gambling Act, 2005.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 6.07 p.m.

Chairman

Date