

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 2 June, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (**Chairman**)

Councillor Anson

Councillor Barton

Councillor Beeley

Councillor Burley

Councillor P. Hughes

Councillor Sarohi

Councillor Wilkes

1275/10 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Tweddle, C. Bott and Clarke.

1276/10 Welcome to new Member

Councillor Sears welcomed Councillor Burley as a new Member of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

1277/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1278/10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

There were no items considered in private session.

1279/10 Taxi Matters (a) Taxi / Private Hire Liaison Group

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the Assistant Director, Legal and Constitutional Services, was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (i) 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 Barton
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Sears

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

Wednesday, 28 July, 2010
Wednesday, 22 September, 2010
Wednesday, 17 November, 2010
Wednesday, 2 February, 2011
Wednesday, 16 March, 2011

(b) Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and Assistant Director, Legal and Constitutional Services, was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (i) 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.;
- (ii) 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 Barton
Councillor Burley
Councillor Clarke
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Mushtaq
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Twedde

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

Councillor Anson
Councillor Beeley
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor Mushtaq
Councillor O'Hare
Councillor Sears
Councillor Wilkes

- (iii) That meetings of the Sub-Committee be held as follows:-
Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A – Tuesday, 22 June and
Tuesday, 29 June, 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee B – Wednesday, 23 June
and Wednesday, 30 June, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

1280/10 **The Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committees**

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the
Assistant Director, Legal and Constitutional Services, was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (i) That the report be noted;
- (ii) 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.

1281/10 **Licensing Sub-Committees - The Gambling Act 2005**

The joint report of the Constitutional Services Manager and the
Assistant Director, Legal and Constitutional Services, was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (i) 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;
- (ii) 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;

- (iii) 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

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.10 p.m.

Chairman

Date