



Walsall Council

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL, 2010 AT 6.00 P.M.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Sears (**Chairman**)
Councillor C. Bott (**Vice-Chairman**)
Councillor Aftab
Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Beeley
Councillor Clarke
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Mushtaq
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Tweddle
Councillor Underhill
Councillor Wilkes

QUORUM:

Five Members

AG E N D A

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1. Apologies.
- ... 2. Minutes – 3 March, 2010 – Copy **enclosed**.
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**

To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.
5. References from Taxi / Private Hire Liaison Group – 17 March, 2010:
(a) Community Prosecuting

Resolved

That the Licensing and Safety Committee be requested to consider:-

- (1) whether hackney carriage drivers should be allowed to ask a passenger for money before the commencement of the journey when they suspect that the individual might try to abscond without paying the fare at the destination;
 - (2) whether CCTV should be provided in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles and if financial assistance could be given by the Council to provide such equipment;
 - (3) whether the Crown Prosecution Service should be asked to support the zero tolerance approach to attacks on hackney carriage and private hire drivers.
- ... (b) Issues raised by Walsall Hackney Carriage Association:
(i) MOT tests

Resolved

- (1) That the Licensing and Safety Committee be asked to consider reducing the number of MOT tests for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles from three to two per annum in view of the fact that the number failing the test has fallen from 59% in 2007 and 2008 to 40% in 2009;

– Report of Fleet Services Manager **enclosed**.

... (ii) De-regulation of taxis

Resolved

That the Licensing and Safety Committee be requested to consider undertaking a survey to ascertain whether there is 'no significant unmet demand' in Walsall for hackney carriage vehicles.

– Report **enclosed**.

... 6. Street Collection application – Report **enclosed**.

PART II - PRIVATE SESSION

- ... 7. Sex Establishment Licence renewal – Report **enclosed**.

(Exempt information under Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part I of
Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended)

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