



Walsall Council

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 2008 AT 6.00 P.M.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Tweddle (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor Barton
Councillor Beeley
Councillor Beilby
Councillor Bird
Councillor Cassidy
Councillor P. Hughes
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Micklewright
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wilkes

QUORUM:

Five Members

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A G E N D A

PART I - PUBLIC SESSION

1. Apologies.
- ... 2. Minutes:-
 - (a) 5th March, 2008 – Copy enclosed;
 - (b) 19th March, 2008 – 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. Taxi Matters:-
 - (a) Issue of 12 month licences for vehicles for both hackney carriage and private hire vehicles – enclosed;
 - (b) Application for a hackney carriage fare increase:-
 - (i) Report of Head of Public Protection – enclosed;
 - (ii) Resolution of Taxi / Private Hire Liaison Group:-

It was **AGREED** to recommend to Licensing and Safety Committee:-

 - (a) That approval be given to a 30% increase in hackney carriage fares between the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.;
 - (b) That fares between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. remain unchanged;
 - (c) That approval be given to extending the double fares charged over the Christmas and New Year periods from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.
6. Gambling Act 2005:-
 - (a) Training;
 - (b) Draft documents to accompany notice of hearings.

PART II - PRIVATE SESSION

7. Taxi Matters:-

1. Criminal Record Bureau Disclosures;
2. Consideration for updating criteria (requirement to undergo English test) attached to the application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire and hackney carriage vehicles;
3. Consideration for updating criteria (requirement to undergo knowledge test) attached to the application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

- Report of Head of Public Protection enclosed.

(Exempt information under Paragraph 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended)

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