

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 19th January, 2011 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 Mushtaq Ahmed
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Wilkes

1325/11 Apologies

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

1326/11 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 1st and 21st December, 2010 (special), copies having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

1327/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

1328/11 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

Resolved

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item set out in the private part of the agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

1329/11 **Police, Factories, etc (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1916 -
Application for a Street Collection Permit - The Phoenix Children's
Foundation**

The report of the Head of Public Safety was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given for a street collection permit to be granted in Aldridge and Walsall to the Phoenix Children's Foundation for 29th March and 16th August, 2011 respectively;
- (2) That the Foundation be permitted to bring miniature Shetland ponies to be in attendance at the collection points.

1330/11 **Hackney Carriage fares - deposit prior to hire**

The report of the Head of Public Safety was submitted:-

(see annexed)

Councillor Rochelle felt that an approved Licensing Notice should be displayed in hackney carriage vehicles and a deposit allowed provided the journey was metered and the difference paid.

Councillor Hughes suggested that a sentence should be added to the Notice to the effect that "any excess will be re-imbursed".

Councillor Wilkes asked if this related to hackney carriages only. Steven Knapper confirmed that it did.

Resolved (Councillor Beeley voting against)

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That the Committee agrees to an approved Licensing Notice being displayed within the hackney carriage vehicle permitting a monetary deposit to be paid prior to hiring;
- (3) That the Notice as indicated in Appendix 1 to the report be approved with the addition of the words "any excess will be re-imbursed";
- (4) That the trade pay for the production of the Notice.

Private Session**Exclusion of Public****Resolved**

That, during consideration of the following item on the agenda, the Committee considers that the item for consideration is exempt information by virtue of the appropriate Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended) and accordingly resolves to consider that item in private session.

Summary of item considered in private session**Application for a private hire vehicle licence/special event vehicle**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.26 p.m.