

# LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

## Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)  
Councillor Clarke (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Burley  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Hussain  
Councillor Murray  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor Sarohi  
Councillor Smith

### 1431/12      **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillors Anson, Douglas-Maul, Harrison and Whyte.

### 1432/12      **Minutes**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2012, a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 1433/12      **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 1434/12      **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

#### **Resolved**

There were no matters to be considered in private session.

1435/12

**Taxi Matters**

a) Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group

The George Report of the Democratic Services Manager and Head of Legal and Democratic Services was submitted:-

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- 1) That the report be noted and 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 appendix 2 of the report for the following members nominated by the Committee:-

Councillor Clarke  
Councillor Murray  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor Sarohi  
Councillor Sears  
Councillor Smith

- 2) That, consequent upon the above, meetings of the group be held at 6.00 pm on the following dates:-

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013

1436/12

**b) Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees**

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

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- 1) And 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 Licensing Sub-Committees to be politically balanced and to each comprise 7 members of the Licensing and Safety Committee, one of the Licensing Sub-Committee to meet in the day time at 10.00 am and the other in the evening at 6.00 pm;

- 2) As a consequence on the above, the members be nominated as follows to respect of the Licensing Sub-Committee:-

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A (to meet at 10.00 am)

Councillor Anson  
Councillor Burley  
Councillor Clarke  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor Smith  
Councillor Whyte

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee B (to meet at 6.00 pm)

Councillor Cook  
Councillor Douglas-Maul  
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick  
Councillor Hussain  
Councillor Murray  
Councillor Sarohi  
Councillor Sears

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

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A

Wednesday 13 June 2012 – 10.00 am  
Wednesday 20 June 2012 - 6.00 pm

1437/12 **The Licensing Act, 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committees**

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

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- 1) That the report be noted;
- 2) That the report be given to the re-establishment of Licensing Sub-Committees in accordance with section 9 of the Licensing Act 2003 solely to determine applicants under legislation. The Licensing Sub-Committee to comprise 3 members of the Licensing and Safety Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability.

1438/12

**Licensing Sub-Committees with Gambling Act, 2005**

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

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- 1) That approval be given to re-establishment of Licensing Sub-Committee 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 Regulatory Services Manger 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 6.10 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....