

## **LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 27 May, 2009 at 6.00 p.m.**

**In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall**

### **Present**

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

1207/09      **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Clarke and Sarohi.

1208/09      **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April, 2009 a copy having been circulated to each Member of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1209/09      **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tweddle declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 6 on the agenda relating to an application for an Annual Street Trading Ward Consent and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

1210/09      **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).

1211/09

**Taxi Matters**

**(a) Taxi / Private Hire Liaison Group**

The report of the Head of Public Protection 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 Beeley  
Councillor C. Bott  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor Sears  
Councillor Underhill

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

Wednesday, 22 July, 2009  
Wednesday, 23 September, 2009  
Wednesday, 18 November, 2009  
Wednesday, 3 February, 2010  
Wednesday, 17 March, 2010

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

The report of the 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 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 Anson  
Councillor Barton  
Councillor Clarke  
Councillor P. Hughes  
Councillor Mushtaq  
Councillor Rochelle  
Councillor Twedde (Chairman)

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

Councillor Aftab  
Councillor Beeley  
Councillor C. Bott  
Councillor Mushtaq  
Councillor Sarohi  
Councillor Sears (Chairman)  
Councillor Wilkes

- (iii) That meetings of the Sub-Committee be held as follows:-  
Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee A – Tuesday, 30 June, 2009 at 10.00 a.m.

Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee B – Wednesday, 24 June, 2009 at 6.00 p.m.

1212/09 **The Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committees**

The report of 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.

1213/09 **Licensing Sub-Committees - The Gambling Act 2005**

The report of the Head of Public Protection 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 Protection 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.

At this juncture, the time being 6.08 p.m., Councillor Tweddle left the meeting.

1214/09 **Private Session**

**Exclusion of Public**

**Resolved**

That, during consideration of the remaining item on the agenda, the Committee considers that the item for consideration is exempt information for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended), and accordingly resolves to consider that item in private session.

**Summary of matters considered in Private Session**

1215/09 **Application for an Annual Street Trading Ward Consent: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982**

The Committee considered representations in respect of an annual street trading ward consent and made a decision thereon.

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

**Termination of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.23 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....