

LICENSING & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 1 June, 2016 at 6.00 pm

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present:

Councillor S. Fitzpatrick (Chair)
Councillor Sarohi (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Barker
Councillor Clarke
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Kudhail
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Murray
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Russell
Councillor Sears
Councillor Worrall

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Apology

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor C. Bott.

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Substitution

Councillor Russell substituted for Councillor S. Ditta for the duration of this meeting only.

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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Minutes

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2016, a copy having previously been circulated to Members of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1700/16 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (As amended)**

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

1701/16 **Taxi/ Private Hire Liaison Group**

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

(see annexed)

Resolved

(1) That the report be noted and approval given to the re-establishment of the Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group for the current municipal year in accordance with the terms of reference contained in the appendix to the report and the following Members be nominated to the group:-

Councillor Clarke
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Sears

(2) As a consequence of the above, meetings of the group will be held at 6.00pm on the following dates:-

Wednesday 6 July 2016
Wednesday 17 August 2016
Wednesday 28 September 2016
Wednesday 9 November 2016
Wednesday 4 January 2017
Wednesday 8 February 2017
Wednesday 29 March 2017

1702/16 **Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees**

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

Resolved

(1) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees A and B to deal with the continuing backlog of

applications under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, these Licensing Sub-Committees to be politically balanced and to each comprise seven Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee, one of the Licensing Sub-Committees to meet in the daytime at 10.00am and the other in the evening at 6.00pm;

- (2) As a consequence of the above, the Members be nominated as follows in respect of the Licensing Sub-Committees:-

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

Councillor Sarohi (Chair)
Councillor Hussain (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Barker
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Worrall
(1 vacancy)

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee A should be held on 29 June 2016.

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

Councillor S. Ditta (Chair)
Councillor Nawaz (Vice-Chair)
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Kudhail

The first meeting of the Sub-Committee B to take place on 6 July 2016.

1703/16 **The Licensing Act 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committee**

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

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted;
- (2) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the Licensing Sub-Committee in accordance with Section 9 of the Licensing Act

2003 solely to determine applications under that legislation. The Sub-Committee to comprise of three Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability.

1704/16 **The Gambling Act 2005 – Licensing Sub-Committee**

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

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That approval be given for the 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 Director of Public Health 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.

1705/16 **Private Session**

Exclusion of Public

Resolved

That, during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, the Committee considers that the items for consideration are exempt information for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 and accordingly resolve to consider those items in private.

Summary of items considered in private session

1706/16 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 –
Exceptional Circumstances Request – Application for a Hackney
Carriage Vehicle Licence**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

(Exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of part 1 of schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended).

1707/16 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 –
Exceptional Circumstances Request – Application for a Private
Hire Vehicle Licence**

Application deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

(Exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of part 1 of schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended).

1708/16 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 –
Exceptional Circumstances Request – Application for a Private
Hire Vehicle Licence**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

(Exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of part 1 of schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act, 1972) (as amended).

Termination of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.05pm