

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 10th June, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

In a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present

Councillor Sears (Chairman)
Councillor Clarke (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Anson
Councillor C. Bott
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Washbrook

1635/15 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Murray and Whyte.

1636/15 Declarations of Interest

Councillor J. Fitzpatrick declared an interest in Item 9 – Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 – Street Trading Licence Application – Mr QS – Gallery Square, Walsall and left the meeting during discussion of this item.

1637/15 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April, 2015, a copy having previously been circulated to Members of the Committee, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1638/15 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

Resolved

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.

1639/15 **Taxi/Private Hire Liaison Group**

The joint report of the Head of Democratic Services and 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 Anson
Councillor Clarke
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Sears

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

Wednesday 8th July, 2015
Wednesday 19th August, 2015
Wednesday 30th September, 2015
Wednesday 11th November, 2015
Wednesday 6th January, 2016
Wednesday 10th February, 2016
Wednesday 30th March, 2016

1640/15 **Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees**

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

(see annexed)

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 10.00 a.m. and the other in the evening at 6.00 p.m..

- 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 10.00 a.m.)**

Councillor Anson
Councillor Clarke
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Washbrook
Councillor Whyte
(2 vacancies)

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee A should be held on 20th July, 2015.

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

Councillor C. Bott
Councillor J. Fitzpatrick
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Murray
Councillor Sears

The first meetings of the Sub-Committee B to take place on 8th and 15th July, 2015.

1641/15 **The Licensing Act, 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committee**

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

(see annexed)

Resolved

- 1) That the report be noted;
- 2) That approval be given to the re-establishment of the 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 of three Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability.

1642/15 **The Gambling Act, 2005**

Licensing Sub-Committee under the Gambling Act, 2005

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

(see annexed)

Resolved

- 1) That approval be given for the re-establishment of Licensing 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;
- 2) That the Head of Economy and Environment 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.

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 resolves to consider those items in private.

Summary of items considered in private session

1643/15 **Application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire vehicles – exceptional circumstances**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

1644/15

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1982 – Street Trading Licence Application - Gallery Square, Walsall

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 6.38 p.m.