

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25th June, 2014 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 Douglas-Maul
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Murray
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor D. Shires

1571/14 **Apologies**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Rochelle and Worrall.

1572/14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1573/14 **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 as set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

Taxi Matters

1574/14 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 Clarke
Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Murray
Councillor Rochelle
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, 30th July, 2014
Wednesday, 1st October, 2014
Wednesday, 12th November, 2014
Wednesday, 29th December, 2014
Wednesday, 11th February, 2015
Wednesday, 1st April, 2015

1575/14 Establishment of Taxi Licensing Sub-Committees

The joint report of the Head of Democratic Services and Head of 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 7 Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee, 1 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 Hussain
Councillor Rochelle
Councillor Mrs D. Shires
Councillor Whyte
Councillor Worrall

It was agreed that the first meeting of the Sub-Committee A should be held on 31st July, 2014.

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

Councillor S. Fitzpatrick
Councillor D. Hazell
Councillor Murray
Councillor Nawaz
Councillor Sarohi
Councillor Sears
(1 vacancy)

The first meeting of the Sub- Committee B to take place on Wednesday, 16th July, 2014.

1576/14 **The Licensing Act, 2003 – Licensing Sub-Committee**

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;
- 2) That approval be given to the re-establishment of Licensing Sub-Committees in accordance with Section 9 the Licensing Act, 2003 solely to determine applications under that legislation. The Sub-Committee to comprise 3 Members of the Licensing and Safety Committee on a rota basis, subject to availability.

The Gambling Act, 2005

1577/14 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 Regulatory Services Manager 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

1578/14 Application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire vehicles – Exceptional circumstances request

The Committee considered the application and made a decision thereon.

1579/14 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 –
Application for discrete licensing identification on private hire
vehicle.**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision
thereon.

1580/14 **Application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire vehicles
– exceptional circumstances request**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision
thereon.

1581/14 **Application for the grant of a licence to drive private hire vehicles -
exceptional circumstances request**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision
thereon.

1582/14 **Application for a private hire vehicle licence – exceptional
circumstances request**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision
thereon.

1583/14 **Application for a private hire vehicle licence – exceptional
circumstances – Mr. Nehtisham Ali**

The Committee considered the application and made a decision
thereon.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business, the meeting terminated at 7.55 p.m.