

Minutes of Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 22 March 2011 starting at 6.30pm
Present: Councillor J Holgate (Chairman)

Councillors:

R Adamson	S Hore
P Ainsworth	C Punchard
S Brunskill	C Ross
R Hargreaves	M Sutcliffe

In attendance: Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

740 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Alcock, M Thomas, J Waddington and N Walsh.

741 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

742 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

743 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

744 REFERENCES FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no references from Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

745 CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO OPERATOR LICENCE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services informed Committee about the results of the consultation exercise carried out following Committee's decision to amend private hire operator's licenses and approve in principle amendment of hackney carriage vehicle and drivers licences taken at the meeting on 23 November 2010 (minute 518 refers).

She reminded Members of her previous report to that meeting and the resolution taken by that Committee, which was as follows.

1. authorise the Legal Services Manager to consult licence holders about amendments to the private hire operator, hackney carriage driver and hackney carriage vehicle licence conditions; and

2. authorise the Legal Services Manager with effect from 1 February 2011 to amend the conditions attached to an operators licence as set out above.

A letter had been sent to all private hire operators and hackney carriage drivers or vehicle licence holders on 16 December 2010 giving further details of these changes. To date no consultation responses had been received. If, following implementation, licence holders experienced difficulties as a result of the changes the matter would be reconsidered by Committee.

All operators licences issued on 1 February 2011 had the new conditions attached and no objections had been made by operators. The Local Hackney Association had indicated informally that it supported the Council's approach to this matter and the absence of any objections would seem to demonstrate that this was not a matter about which hackney carriage licence holders objected.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. confirm the amendment to the private hire operators licence; and
2. authorise an amendment to hackney vehicle and driver licences to secure licence holders agreement to carry out work only within the area of the Council in reliance on their Ribble Valley licence.

746 ANNUAL FEES AND CHARGES – HACKNEY AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services sought Committee's agreement to determining the annual fees for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licences.

She gave details of the current fees charged by the Council and asked Committee to consider agreeing to a 3% increase in these fees across the board.

RESOLVED: That Committee agree to increase the current fees for private hire and hackney carriage licences by 3% from 1 April 2011, as set out in 3.1.

747 THE LICENSING ACT (ROYAL WEDDING LICENSING HOURS) ORDER 2011

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services informed Committee about amendments to the licensing hours on the 29 and 30 April 2011 on the occasion of the forthcoming royal wedding of Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

Following a consultation exercise, an order extending permitted licensing hours to premises and club premises for 29 and 30 April had been agreed.

Committee also discussed likely arrangements for associated street parties in connection with royal wedding celebrations which would not need licensing as long as alcohol was not sold.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.53pm.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Diane Rice (414418).