



Licensing Committee

Minutes – 26 February 2014

Attendance

Members of the Committee

Cllr Bishan Dass (chair)	Cllr Harman Banger
Cllr Alan Bolshaw	Cllr Ian Claymore
Cllr Craig Collingswood	Cllr Susan Constable
Cllr Keith Inston	Cllr Rita Potter
Cllr Neville Patten	Cllr John Rowley

Employees

Sarah Hardwick	Senior Solicitor (Delivery)
Colin Parr	Licensing Manager (Education and Enterprise)
Linda Banbury	Democratic Support Officer (Delivery)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action</i>
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BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1. Apologies for absence** -
Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mark Evans and Patricia Patten.
- 2. Declarations of interest** -
No interests were declared.
- 3. Minutes**
Resolved:
 - (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2014 be** -
approved as a correct record.
 - (b) That the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing** -
Sub-Committee held on 29 January and 6 February 2014 be
approved as a correct record and adopted.

4. **Matters arising**

Councillor Claymore wished to place on record the appreciation of residents and local Ward Members in regard to the proactive approach of Council employees in resolving the issues of concern raised in regard to the One Stop Shop, Oxley Moor Road.

Colin Parr

Pursuant to the review prior to renewal of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence considered by the Sub-Committee on 29 January 2014, Colin Parr drew attention to the increasing tension between trade members. He added that the Leader of the Council had attended a recent meeting of the Hackney Carriage Working Group. He had stressed that they were ambassadors for the City and any acts of violence or aggression in full view of the public would not be tolerated. Colin Parr advised that Committee that he had undertaken six reviews within the previous six weeks and that there were three cases pending. Three licences had been revoked.

The Committee endorsed the zero tolerance approach. Colin Parr undertook to arrange for a joint letter to be sent to the trade on behalf of the Licensing Authority and West Midlands Police reiterating the approach. The Committee requested that the information be copied to the Private Hire Operators.

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5. **Schedule of outstanding minutes**

A report was presented, which set out a schedule of outstanding minutes, together with an indication of when individual reports would be submitted for consideration.

Linda
Banbury

Resolved:

That the report be received.

DECISION ITEMS

6. **Fees and charges for hackney carriage and private hire licensing functions for 2014/15**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which sought approval to proposed fees and charges for licences relating to hackney carriages, private hire vehicles, drivers and private hire vehicle operators for 2014/15. It was proposed that they remain unchanged as the cost of providing the service would meet the budgetary requirements for 2014/15.

Resolved:

That the proposed fees and charges for hackney carriage and private hire licensing functions for 2014/15, as detailed

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at appendices A and B to the report, be approved.

7. **Review of fees and charges for street trading consents**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which sought approval to proposed street trading fees and charges to take effect from 1 April 2014 and apprised the Committee of arrangements for the control and regulation of street trading activities undertaken in the city.

Resolved:

- (a) That the proposed fees and charges for annual street trading consents, as detailed at appendix A to the report be approved with effect from 1 April 2014.
- (b) That the proposed fees and charges for occasional/temporary street trading consents, as detailed at appendix B to the report be approved with effect from 1 April 2014.

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8. **Review of fees and charges for general licensing and miscellaneous matters for 2014/15**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which sought approval to proposed fees and charges for 2014/15 in relation to certain licences and licensed activities that are regulated by the Licensing Committee. The report also detailed fees and charges set by the Secretary of State in relation to Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, over which the council has no local control.

Resolved:

- (a) That the proposed fees and charges for General Licensing, as detailed at appendix A to the report, be approved with effect from 1 April 2014.
- (b) That the new fee structure for sex establishment licences and fees as detailed at appendix A to the report, be approved with effect from 1 March 2014.
- (c) That the proposed fees and charges detailed at appendix B to the report, over which the council has fee setting powers, be approved with effect from 1 April 2014.

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9. **Hackney carriage fares**

The Licensing Manager presented a report, which detailed the request of the hackney carriage trade associations not to increase fares at this time, due to the current economic climate. This issue will be raised with the trade working group again in January 2015 to consider the fares for 2015/16.

Resolved:

That the report be received.

Colin Parr

- **Online equalities and information governance training**
Responding to a question raised by the Vice-Chair, Colin Parr advised the Committee that the current take up of training across Regulatory Services was 95%, with 100% take up within Licensing Services.
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Part 2 – exempt items

Nil