

Members are requested to attend:

**SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
19 March 2009**

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions.
2. Declarations of Interest
Members' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any matters on the agenda.
3. Non-Contentious
4. Committee Forward Work Plan
The work plan is attached at page 1.
5. Identification of Private Hire Vehicles
The report is at pages 2 – 12.
6. Kier Harlow Performance Management – Arrangements & Standards
The report is at pages 13 – 26.
7. Policy for Keeping Hens, Rabbits & Bees on Allotments
The report is at pages 27 – 44.
8. Chair's Report on Possible Agenda Items for 2009/2010
The report is at pages 45 – 46.
9. Review of Committee Decisions 2008/09
The report is at pages 47 – 85.

10. References from Other Committees/Working Parties

Licensing Committee
19 January 2009

(i) Regulation of Motor Salvage Operators

RESOLVED that

- (a) it be recommended to the Environment & Community Committee that the Safety and Licensing Department be responsible for the registration of motor salvage operators and the maintenance of the public register;
- (b) it be recommended to the Environment & Community Committee that the Safety and Licensing Manager has delegated authority to make initial decisions in respect of refusal of an application to register, refusal to renew a registration and cancellation of an existing registration (see paragraph 11 of the report) ;

The report is at pages 86 – 90.

(ii) Scrap Metal Dealers

RESOLVED that

- (a) it be recommended to the Environment & Community Committee that the Safety & Licensing Department be responsible for the registration of scrap metal dealers and the maintenance of a public register.

The report is at pages 91 – 95.

(iii) Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions – Signage

RESOLVED that

- (a) “and only covers a maximum of two thirds of the rear windscreen area.” be deleted from the proposed additions in paragraph 7 of the report;
- (b) paragraph 9 be deleted;

- (c) the modification to the vehicle conditions, as outlined in paragraphs 7 to 8 of the report and as amended above, be agreed;
- (d) the adoption of the proposals contained within paragraphs 7 to 8 of the report and amended above, be recommended to the Environment & Community Committee.

The report is at pages 96 – 98.

Scrutiny Committee

10 February 2009

(i) Community Engagement

The Scrutiny Committee has requested that the Environment and Community Committee approve the recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1.

The report and Appendix 1 (as revised by the Scrutiny Committee) are attached at pages 99 – 103. A copy of the relevant minute and email are attached at pages 104 – 106 for clarification/information.

11. Grants Panel Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 and 29 January 2009 are attached at pages 107 – 111.

12. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.