

## MINUTES OF LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON

13 October 2008

7.30pm-8.17pm

### PRESENT

#### COUNCILLORS

Nick Churchill (Chairman)

David Carter  
Muriel Jolles

Joel Charles

Sarah-Jane Dangerfield  
Linda Pailing

#### APOLOGIES

Jean Clark  
Maggie Hulcoop

Manny Doku  
Leslie Rideout

Tony Hall  
Russell Perrin

#### 47. DIMPLE ROOPCHAND – ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, extended best wishes to Dimple Roopchand as this was the last meeting she would be attending before going on maternity leave.

#### 48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 49. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2008 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 50. MATTERS ARISING

##### (a) Minute 38 – Matters Arising – Scheme of Delegation

Members noted that the reference from this Committee to the Environment & Community Committee had been modified to bring it in line with Council Procedures Standing Orders, and subsequently approved by the Environment & Community Committee.

(b) Minute 40 - Licensing Committee Sub-Committees

Members noted that the Environment & Community Committee had agreed to adopt these proposals.

51. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

52. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS RANDOM ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING**

Further to Minute 121 (31/3/08), the Committee received a report which outlined proposals for the introduction of random alcohol and drug testing for hackney carriage and private hire drivers.

Members were concerned that the proposals for drug testing did not include random testing and agreed that it was imperative that such testing should be introduced. However, they did not want arrangements to introduce random drug testing to delay the implementation of drug and random alcohol testing, which they thought should be introduced at the earliest opportunity.

**RESOLVED** that proposals for the introduction of random alcohol and random drug testing for hackney carriage and private hire drivers, be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee on 10 November 2008.

53. **ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The Committee received a report proposing the adoption of an amended general enforcement policy and appendix relating to hackney carriage and private hire licensing.

Members noted that further amendments, to take account of proposals for random testing for both drugs and alcohol, would be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

**RESOLVED** that the updated General Enforcement Policy and Appendix 1 (Enforcement Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing) be referred to the Environment & Community Committee for agreement.

54. **RISK BASED INSPECTION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Committee received a progress report on the risk based inspection programme, which was introduced for premises licensed under the Licensing Act 2003.

**RESOLVED** that

- (a) the report be noted;
- (b) more detailed information on statistics and risk ratings be included in future progress reports on the risk based inspection programme.

55. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE CONSULTATION MEETING**

The Committee received the notes of the consultation meetings held with Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade representatives.

**RESOLVED** that the notes of the consultation meetings on 24 and 25 September 2008 be noted.

56. **REFERENCES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None.

57. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE