

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

4TH JUNE 2007 (10.30AM)

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors: M A Salter (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), J-P Campion, P Dyke, G H Eeles, B T Glass, Mrs J Greener, P B Harrison, M B Kelly, M Price, D R Sheppard and G C Yarranton.

**OBSERVERS:**

There were no members present as observers.

**LIC.87 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs A T Hingley.

**LIC.88 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor G C Yarranton was a substitute for Councillor Mrs A T Hingley.

**LIC.89 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor P. Dyke declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 and Agenda Item No. 9 – Taxi Trade Liaison Group as his brother-in-law is a taxi driver.

**LIC.90 MINUTES**

**DECISION:**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**LIC.91 LICENSING SERVICE PLAN**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment with regard to the proposed introduction of a Licensing Service Plan to assist in the delivery of an efficient service.

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: The Licensing Service Plan (2007-2010) be adopted.**

**LIC.92 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE TAXI MARSHAL SCHEME**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

Environment with regard to the financial operation of a Taxi Marshall Scheme. This scheme had been implemented for a trial period from the 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2006 until the 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2007.

Unfortunately, funding was not available to continue this scheme.

**DECISION: In the light of the inability to secure funding for Taxi Marshalls the scheme should not proceed.**

### **LIC.93 CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY REVIEW (2007)**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment to amend the existing strategy in the light of recent legislative and regulatory changes which reflect the current working practices associated with delivered the contaminated land strategic objectives.

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet: The amended Contaminated Land Strategy (2007-2010) be approved.**

### **LIC.94 WYRE FOREST TAXI LIAISON GROUP MEETING MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2007**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment with regard to the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group Meeting which took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007.

**DECISION: that the minutes of the Wyre Forest Taxi Liaison Group meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007 be noted.**

### **LIC.95 TAXI TRADE LIAISON GROUP**

The Committee considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment with regard to the re-appointment of the Taxi Trade Liaison Group. This would ensure continued consultation between the Council and the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire trade on issues of mutual interest.

**DECISION:**

**(1) The Taxi Trade Liaison Group be re-appointed, consisting from the Council side:**

- \* **The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and Environmental Committee and Councillor D.R. Sheppard;**
- \* **The Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Rural Affairs, and**

**(2) The group will meet three times per year to discuss issues of common interest between the Council and the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire trade and report back to this Committee as necessary.**

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.