

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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

7TH APRIL 2008 (10.30AM)

PRESENT:

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

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.129 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: J-P Campion and Mrs J Greener.

LIC.130 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor J Baker was appointed as a substitute for Councillor J-P. Campion. Councillor G C Yarranton was appointed as a substitute for Councillor Mrs. J. Greener.

LIC.131 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor P. Dyke declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No. 9 and Minute Nos. 137 and 138 – Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Trade Application for a Fare Increase, due to his brother-in-law being employed as a taxi driver.

LIC.132 MINUTES

DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.133 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LICENSING CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment in relation to the results of a customer satisfaction survey which had been carried out during January/February 2008.

RECOMMENDED to CABINET:

- 1. The contents of the report be noted.**
- 2. A further customer satisfaction survey be carried out in 2010 and the results reported back to this Committee and Cabinet.**

LIC.134 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND LICENSING ENFORCEMENT POLICIES

The Committee considered an update from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment, in relation to the Environmental Health and Licensing, and the Housing Enforcement Policies to take account of the new "Regulators' Compliance Code" which came into force on the 6th April, 2008.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet to RECOMMEND to Council

The Enforcement Policies as attached to the report be adopted.

Having previously declared his prejudicial interest in Min Nos. 137 and 138, at this point (10.40 am) Councillor P. Dyke left the meeting.

LIC.135 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION:

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.136 SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the minutes relating to these items has been made as "exempt information" would be disclosed if the minutes were published in full.

LIC.137 WYRE FOREST HACKNEY CARRIAGE TRADE APPLICATION FOR A FARE INCREASE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment, and determined an application received from the Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association on behalf of the Taxi Trade for a Hackney Carriage Fare increase.

The meeting ended at 11.07 am.