

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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

9TH JUNE 2008 (10:30AM)

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), A J Buckley, J-P Campion, B T Glass, Mrs J Greener, P B Harrison, M Price and D R Sheppard.

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers

LIC.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs A T Hingley and M B Kelly.

LIC.2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor J-P Campion was a substitute for Councillor Mrs. A. Hingley.

LIC.3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor J-P Campion declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No. 9 and Minute Nos.146/148 - Objections to the Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle and Operators' Licence Fees published on Thursday 10th April 2008, due to having spoken to some members of the Taxi Trade with regard to this matter.

LIC.4 MINUTES

DECISION:

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

LIC.5 TAXI TRADE LIAISON

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

Councillors P.B. Harrison and D.R. Sheppard volunteered to become a member of this Group and a vote was taken.

DECISION:

- (1) **Representation on the Liaison Group be re-appointed, consisting of from the Council side:**
 - (a) **the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Licensing and Environmental Committee and Councillor P.B. Harrison; and**
 - (b) **the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Rural Affairs**
- (2) **The group 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.**

LIC.6 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.7 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.8 MINUTES

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

LIC.9 OBJECTIONS TO THE WYRE FOREST HACKNEY CARRIAGE, PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE AND OPERATORS’ LICENCE FEES PUBLISHED ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2008

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment, and determined the proposed licence fee increase for Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle and Operators, as published in the district on 10th April, 2008.

The meeting ended at 10.50 am.