

Wyre Forest District Council

Licensing & Environmental Committee

The Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stourport on Severn

27th April, 2009 (10.30 am)

PRESENT:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), A J Buckley, 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.102 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs A T Hingley

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LIC.103 Appointment of Substitutes

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

LIC.104 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.105 Minutes

DECISION: The minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.106 Private Hire Vehicle – Identification Plate Exemption Policy

The Principal Licensing Officer outlined the report which gave details of whether the Council should adopt a policy that will allow certain private hire vehicles which are deemed to be of an “executive” type to be exempt from the requirement to display an external identification plate (otherwise known as a licence plate), door decals and for the drivers of such vehicles to be exempt from wearing a drivers badge. The Principal Licensing Officer drew Members’ attention to a typographical error at item 8.1, where the last sentence should read “When it **does** receive such applications.....”.

The Principal Licensing Officer explained that The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 now relates to ‘executive’ type vehicles, where vehicles are hired as chauffeur driven cars. At the present time three applications had been received by the authority relating to such cars. This policy will give a minimum standard of car, comfort etc., but will not detail

specifics.

A fee of £25.00 will be set for a copy of a Replacement Plate or Exemption Notice. At the present time consultation is still taking place and provided that no objections are received, then upon approval by this Committee the matter will then be considered by Council

RECOMMENDED to Council

- a) **that the proposed Private Hire Exemption from Displaying Plates/ Decals Policy/Conditions set out in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report be adopted;**
- b) **that authority to determine such applications in accordance with the proposed Policy be delegated to the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services; and**
- c) **that a fee of £25.00 is set for a copy of a Replacement Plate or Exemption Notice.**

LIC.107 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.108 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.109 Review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment and determined the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence.

The meeting ended at 11.20am.