

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL
OFFICES, WIGSTON ON 21 JANUARY 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs H E Loydall - Chairman
Councillor R E R Morris - Vice Chairman

Councillors: L A Bentley, G A Boulter, M H Charlesworth, Mrs J M Gore, P A Hings, J Kaufman and K J Loydall

Officers Present: G J Waterfield, Mrs S Wallace, Miss K Garcha and P Loveday

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L M Broadley, K M A Brown, Mrs E Connell, Ms C L Edmonston, Mrs S Z Haq and P Swift

Minute Ref.	Narrative	Officer Responsible
6.	MINUTES RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 13 October 2008, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.	
7.	FINANCIAL PLANS 2009/2010 The Committee gave consideration to the report of the Interim Director of Resources as set out in report pages numbered 46 - 53 which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document. As a result of questions from the Committee on Licences for Hairdressers, Slaughtermen and Game, the Head of Legal and Licensing undertook to produce an information report on these subjects for inclusion in a future addition of the Monthly Bulletin. RESOLVED: That 1) The revised estimate position for 2008/09 of the Committee be noted. 2) The revenue estimates for 2009/10 as shown in the report be approved.	P Loveday

<p>8.</p>	<p>REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p> <p>The Committee gave consideration to the reports of the Chief Executive as set out in report pages numbered 54 – 60 which should be read together with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>a) <u>Licensing of Hackney Carriages & Private Hire Vehicles to Carry more than 4 Passengers</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Agreement be given to the introduction of a Policy of refusing to license vehicles where seats needed to be folded down or moved to allow access or egress by passengers, except for vehicles adapted for wheelchair users where seats may need to be folded out of use or removed. 2) This Policy be effective for new Licence Applications from 1 April 2009, and 3) Existing Licensees with vehicles that do not conform to this Policy be allowed to continue to licence their vehicle for the period up until the 31 March 2014 only. <p>b) <u>Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Trade – Good Practice</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval be given to the introduction of an annual Good Practice Award for both Licensed Drivers and Private Hire Operators as outlined in the report, to commence in the 2009/2010 financial year. 2) The operation of these awards be reviewed after two years. <p>c) <u>Application for House to House Collection Permit – Orphan & Community Aid Charity.</u></p> <p>RESOLVED: That</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The application be refused due to insufficient information being provided by the applicant. 2) In order to enable the Head of Legal and Licensing to determine such similar applications in the future, Council be recommended to take this matter into account when next the Constitution is reviewed. 	<p>S Wallace</p> <p>S Wallace</p> <p>S Wallace</p>
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d) Street Trading Policy

The meeting received an update on the current situation concerning the adoption of the Street Trading Policy.

Members noted that the consultation period had now expired and a report will now be taken to the Policy Committee meeting to be held on 27 January 2009 to consider confirming the Policy. If the Policy were to be confirmed, the meeting heard that it would come into effect on 5 March 2009.

RESOLVED: That the position be noted.

The Meeting Closed at 8.43 pm.