

Minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 30th June 2010 from 7.00 p.m. to 7.56 p.m.

Present: Chris Hersey (Chairman)
Julian Thorpe (Vice-Chairman)

Andrew Brock
Ian Dixon*
Kathleen Dumbovic
Bernard Gillbard

Paddy Henry*
Mrs. Jane Keel
Graham Knight
Jacqui Landriani

Gordon Marples*
Gary Marsh*
Susan Ng
Peter Reed
Robert Salisbury

* Absent

3. SUBSTITUTES AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 4

The Sub-Committee noted that no substitutes had been notified in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4 – Substitutes at Meetings of Committees etc.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Marples and Marsh.

5. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

The Committee noted that Councillor Gordon Marples had replaced the late Councillor Clive Chapman as a member of this Committee.

6. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Declarations of Interest were made.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 16th March 2010 and 12th May 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. REVIEW OF 'DENTS AND SCRATCHES' LICENCE CONDITION ATTACHED TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Committee considered whether the 'Dents and Scratches' licence condition attached to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle should be reinstated, removed or modified.

The Committee were reminded that, at their meeting held in October, they suspended this condition for a further period of six months and agreed to review this decision after one year.

Members considered a number of options to progress the way forward.

RESOLVED

That:-

- (1) Condition (i) be suspended for a further six months;
- (2) a report be prepared by Officers on the progress of talks with Wealden District Council on the issue of cross-border hiring;
- (3) new draft conditions for the Dents and Scratches Policy be prepared for consideration by the Sub-Committee; and
- (4) an interim report be made to the Sub-Committee within three months.

9. REVIEW OF FITNESS TESTING SCHEDULE TO ALLOW LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE NOT TO CARRY A SPARE WHEEL

The Committee considered whether the current Fitness Testing Schedule should be changed to allow licensed Hackney Carriages and Private Hire vehicles not to carry a spare wheel but carry a manufacturer authorised Emergency Tyre Repair Kit.

Members considered a number of options to progress the way forward.

RESOLVED

That:-

- (1) a modified condition (i) be introduced on the "Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Fitness Inspection Schedule " relating to Spare wheels;and
- (2) the carriage of an Emergency Tyre Repair kit in place of a spare tyre be permitted. The emergency kit to be used as instructed and replaced before the 'use by' date.

10. APPOINTMENT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

The following nominations were received for members to serve on Licensing Sub-Committee A:-

Conservatives (3)

Liberal Democrats (2)

Jacqui Landriani
Christopher Hersey
Julian Thorpe

Andrew Brock
Kathleen Dumbovic

RESOLVED

That Licensing Sub-Committee A comprises Councillors Christopher Hersey, Andrew Brock, Kathleen Dumbovic, Jacqui Landriani, and Julian Thorpe.

11. MINUTES OF LIQUOR LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

The Committee received and noted the minutes of the meeting of Liquor Licensing Sub-Committees held on:-

22nd March 2010;
4th June 2010;
7th June 2010; and
14th June 2010.

Chairman.