
LICENSING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 November 2010

Present Councillors Parnell (Chair), Harris, McEwing, Odgers, Osmond, Thomas, Walker and Willacy

Apologies Councillors Drake, Fitzgerald, Letts, Norris and Rayment.

8. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 2nd June, 2010 be approved and signed as a correct record. (Copy of the minutes circulated with the agenda and appended to the signed minutes).

9. **LICENSING ACT 2003 - TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Committee considered a report of the Solicitor to the Council setting out in accordance with Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 requiring the Council, as the Licensing Authority, to adopt a Statement of Licensing Policy every three years a proposed revised Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED that the revised Statement of Licensing Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be recommended for adoption by the full Council at its meeting on 17th November 2010.

Note: Councillor Thomas Against

10. **TRADE REQUEST FOR PROPOSED VARIATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

The Committee considered a report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning a request for the variation of the table of fares for the hire of hackney carriages and to determine and to determine whether to proceed to public consultation.

Mr Griffiths, Southampton UNITE Cab Branch, Mr Hall, Southampton Hackney Carriage Association and Mr Johnson, Southampton Taxi Association were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i). that the request for the variation of the table of fares for the hire of hackney carriages in Southampton from the Southampton Taxi Trade, be approved in principle, without amendment;
- (ii). that the Solicitor to the Council be authorised to advertise the proposed table of fares, as set out in appendix 3 to the report, in the local press in line with the legislative requirements; and

- (iii). that, unless any objections are received to the proposed table of fares, the variation be effective as of 9th December 2010.

NOTE: Councillor McEwing declared a non pecuniary interest in the above item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

11. **LICENSING OF PLEASURE BOATS AND BOATMAN**

The Committee considered a report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning the process and review of fees associated with licensing of pleasure boats and boatmen.

RESOLVED

- (i). that the processes in licensing pleasure boats and boatmen be noted; and
- (ii). that application fees, at a level commensurate with the costs associated with the provision of the service, be set as recommended in the report.

12. **MEMBERSHIP OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee considered a report of the Solicitor to the Council recommending that the membership and administration of the General Sub-Committee be brought in to line with the membership and operation of the Licensing (Licensing and Gambling) Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED

- (i). that the membership of the Licensing (General) Sub-Committee be reduced from seven to five members with a quorum of three;
- (ii). that membership continue to be drawn from the membership of the Licensing Committee with the Chair of the General Sub-Committee to be elected at the commencement of each municipal year;
- (iii). that the General Sub-Committee be administered on the same lines as the Licensing (Licensing and Gambling) Sub-Committee utilising the meeting dates currently scheduled as required; and
- (iv). that the above arrangements take effect from the start of the 2011 municipal year.