

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

3 February 2011

PRESENT:

Councillors Humphreys (Chairman), Mrs Allsopp, Atkins, Bacon, Mrs Bland, Constable, Finn, Mrs Hancocks, Heath, McEwan, and Wilks.

(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Councillors Mrs Bacon, Smedley and Smith (Vice Chairman)).

199 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

200 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2010, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Members were informed that the Fouling of Lands by Dogs (Lichfield) Order 2009 had now been made with the required amendment that the words "all land" replaced the words "land specified" in Section 2 of the Order.

201 ELECTORAL REVIEW OF STAFFORDSHIRE

Members were asked to consider the Electoral Review of Staffordshire that the Local Government Boundary Commission were undertaking. It was explained to Members that since the last Electoral Review of Staffordshire (2002/ 2003) the Electorate in the Divisions of the County had changed to the extent that 42% of those Divisions now had electorates which varied by more than 10% from the average, where as the threshold for a review is 30%. The aim of the review was to correct this variation to ensure that each County Councillor represented approximately the same number of electors as his or her colleagues. Members decided that on balance no comments should be made.

RESOLVED: That no comments be made.

(COUNCILLORS ATKINS AND FINN DECLARED A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS ITEM AS MEMBERS OF STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

202 ANNUAL REVIEW OF LICENCE AND OTHER FEES 2011/2012 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FUNCTIONS

Members were advised of the proposed annual fees and charges for the Environmental Health Service functions for the forthcoming financial year 2011/12. Members were reminded that this was an annual report that following approval of the committee would follow on to Council to get the fees ratified before the commencement of the forthcoming financial year.

RESOLVED: That from the 1 April 2011, the proposed fees and charges for various types of services undertaken by the Environmental Health Service as detailed in the report be approved.

203 POLICY FOR ISSUING FIXED PENALTY NOTICES TO JUVENILES

Following a request from the previous meeting Members were advised of the implementation, resources and supervision of the proposed policy for issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to Juveniles as a result of requirements set out in the Children Act 2004 under special requirements for young offenders. It was reported that the measures that had been implemented within the policy were so that the Youth Court would accept cases and also to aid enforcement of the policy. The policy it was explained was a more cost effective way of dealing with enforcement which involved working with Staffordshire Young Peoples Service (SYPS) in a litter pick scheme.

RESOLVED: 1) That the proposed policy be adopted.

204 TAXI RANK UPDATE

Members were updated on developments regarding the taxi ranks in Lichfield City Centre since previous Committee decisions. A letter was circulated from Inspector Jared White (NPU Commander for Lichfield) confirming that the police had no representations to make regarding the removal of the taxi rank in Tamworth Street, Lichfield. Inspector White expressed views on other Taxi Rank Proposals.

It was reported that the Chairman and other Members from the Committee had assessed the area with a view to finding alternative taxi rank locations. Alternative sites identified were considered and discussed in detail.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Parking Board be requested to prioritise the adoption of the existing Bore Street Rank so illegal parking can be enforced through the Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 2) That the Parking Board is requested to prioritise the creation of a two car 24hr rank (every day) in the triangular (disabled) Cross Keys, Lichfield car park. (The disabled space that is lost is to be moved to the existing spaces immediately adjacent to this car park.
- 3) That the Parking Board be requested to prioritise the creation of a rank outside Apres at the end of Sandford Street, Lichfield between 18.00hrs and 09.00 hrs every day.
- 4) That the ownership/planning origins of the planted area at (3) above be investigated so the potential number of spaces can be maximised, and the number of taxi rank spaces be determined on the completion of this task.
- 5) That the Parking Board be requested to create a two car daytime rank in Wade Street, Lichfield and prioritise it if the Friarsgate Development goes ahead.
- 6) That negotiations take place with Network Rail over taxi rank space at the City Station as part of the Friarsgate Development.

- 7) That the creation of a new rank on Station Approach, Lichfield during and after the Friarsgate Development construction be investigated.
- 8) That Taxi ranks in the multi storey car park Birmingham Road and Bird Street car park be not pursued at this time.
- 9) That the potential use of privately owned land in the Tamworth Street, Lichfield car park be investigated.

205 VOTE OF THANKS

RESOLVED: That the sincere thanks of the Committee be recorded to Councillors Humphreys and Smith for their work as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee during the past Municipal Year.

(The meeting closed at 7.15 pm)

CHAIRMAN