

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**28 November 2012****7.00 pm****PRESENT:**

Councillors Leytham (Chairman), Derrick (Vice Chairman), Mrs Constable, Constable, Drinkwater, Heath, Lewin, Salter, Smedley, Taylor, Warfield and Yeates.

(APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Mrs Allsopp, Mrs Bacon and Mrs Hancocks)

148 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

149 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2012, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

150 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the proposed Work Programme for the Committee and were informed that the officers from Environmental Health and Leisure Services have had an initial meeting to investigate options and legislation in connection with dogs in open space areas i.e parks, and that a report will be submitted to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme be approved.

151 THE POLICE REFORM AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2011 AND LICENSING ACT 2003

Members considered the implications of the changes to the Licensing Act 2003, that were introduced by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. Most of the changes had been reported to the 17 May 2012 meeting however the Late Night Levy and Early Morning Restriction Order guidance had only been issued in late October 2012, It was suggested that the Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel also be involved in the decision making.

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the contents of the report upon the additional section 182 guidance relating to the Licensing Act 2003 and specifically the Late Night Levy and Early Morning Restriction Orders and the local implications resulting from them to be noted..

2) That it specifically be noted that optional powers may be adopted if deemed relevant and additional reports would be submitted if appropriate.

3) That a further report on the Late Night Levy be submitted following consultation with the Chief Officer of Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for the police area and the Lichfield District Crime Prevention Panel.

4) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director Community Housing and Health, Strategic Director Democratic and Legal Services, Environmental Health Manager in respect of the matters relating to Licensing Act 2003 and the new guidance issued.

152 FOOD SAFETY SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2012-14

Members were briefed by the Principal Environmental Health Officer on the updates to the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2012-2014 which was taken before the Committee for approval..

RESOLVED: That the Food Safety Service Delivery Plan 2012-2014 be adopted by the District Council.

153 APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE INCREASE – CONSIDERATION OF RESPONSES RECIEVED

Further to Minute No. 12. (1 October 2012) Members were informed of the responses that had been received from the formal consultation process. It was noted that none had been received from the public and the trade had provided responses with no supporting evidence. Members considered that there was no reason to change the previous decision.

RESOLVED: 1) That the proposed Hackney Carriage Fare tariffs as agreed by the Committee on 1 October 2012 be confirmed.

154 TAXI FEES

Members were also updated by the Environmental Health Manager on applications received for Taxi Fees Refunds and noted that a final report would be submitted to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

155 EXECUTIVE HIRE/SPECIAL EVENT VEHICLES – REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CONDITION

Members were asked to consider a request received from a current licence holder of a Special Events Vehicle to be exempt from the licence requirements (condition 7) to display licence plates. It was reported that after investigating the policies of neighbouring Councils, the majority of them did allow this specific exemption on an annual basis permitting the display of the licence plate inside the boot of the car. Having considered this Members determined that there were insufficient grounds for allowing an exemption and that such vehicles should be readily identifiable for public safety reasons.

RESOLVED: That the request for exemption of the Private Hire Vehicle – Special Events Supplementary Condition 7 in respect of vehicle plates be refused.

(The meeting closed at 8.11 pm)

CHAIRMAN