

REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

28 November 2013

PRESENT:

Councillors Derrick (Chairman), Yeates (Vice Chairman), Mrs Barnett, Mrs Bacon, Mrs Constable, Constable, Drinkwater, Heath, Powell, Salter, Smedley, Mrs Stanhope, Taylor and Warfield.

153 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Warfield declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Street Collections 2014) in view of the involvement of his wife with both Lichfield Greenhill Bower and Lichfield Soroptimists.

154 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2013, as printed and previously circulated were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an apology for absence from Councillor Powell being added.

155 PROPOSED DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NUMBER 15 IN THE PARISH OF BURNTWOOD

Consideration was given to an application to divert Public Footpath Number 15 at Cannock Road Chase Terrace to enable the site to be developed following the grant of planning permission. It was noted that informal consultations had not revealed any objections to the application and it was agreed that it should be granted.

RESOLVED: 1) That a Public Footpath Diversion Order be made under the Town and Country Planning 1990 to be known as the Lichfield District Council (Footpath Number 15 in the Parish of Chase Terrace) Public Footpath Diversion Order 2013.

2) That the Strategic Director – Democratic, Development and Legal Services be authorised to take all necessary action.

156 STREET COLLECTIONS 2014

Members were asked to consider and approve the allocation of Street Collection Permits for 2014 and details of the policy by which decisions are made were outlined.

RESOLVED: That Permits for Street Collections be allocated as set out in the report submitted.

157 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982 – THE POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009 – LICENSING OF SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES (SEV's)

A report was submitted reminding Members of a previous report that had advised of the background and reasons for adopting a policy and standards conditions for the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues and seeking confirmation of a draft policy and standard conditions for a licence for Sexual Entertainment Venues. Member were advised on the results of a public consultation exercise that had been conducted since the initial report. The Policy circulated was considered and agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Policy and Standard Conditions of a licence for the licensing of Sexual Entertainment Venues as submitted be approved and formally adopted.

158 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANKS WITHIN THE LICHFIELD CITY CENTRE

Members were reminded of the background by which new Hackney Carriage Ranks within the City of Lichfield were identified and were provided with information to show where one existing and three proposed new ranks were to be located. Members were asked to consider recommending to the Lichfield Parking Board that three new ranks be created by Staffordshire County Council and that the existing rank in Bore Street Lichfield be adopted by Staffordshire County Council both as a priority. Having considered the proposals Members agreed that those suggestions be proceeded with.

RESOLVED: 1) That Lichfield Parking Board be asked to agree that the three new ranks identified in the report be created by Staffordshire County Council as a priority.

2) That Lichfield Parking Board be asked to agree that Staffordshire County Council adopt the existing rank in Bore Street Lichfield as a priority.

3) That Lichfield Parking Board be asked to agree to the road between the front of the Bore Street Lichfield Rank and the junction with St John Street Lichfield be marked with double yellow lines on both sides to prevent dangerous parking adjacent to the junction.

159 REVIEW AN UPDATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL PLANNING POLICY: NOISE AND VIBRATION

Members were reminded that the Environmental Health Service was a statutory consultee to the Development Control process and were informed that the Environmental Health Section had produced a Technical Planning Guidance for Noise and Vibration, Contaminated Land and External Artificial Light. Following many changes in the way that noise is dealt with in the planning context the Government had published its National Planning Policy Framework along with the Noise Policy Statement for England and in view of this a revised Policy had been produced and was submitted for consideration. It was agreed that the Policy submitted should be adopted.

RESOLVED: That the Environmental Health Technical Planning Policy: Noise and Vibration Policy Document as submitted be adopted.

160 REVISED FEE STRUCTURE FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

Following the meeting of the Regulatory and Licensing Committee on 25 September 2013 (Minute 114 refers) Members were informed that a letter of representation from the Lichfield Hackney Association had been received setting out their objections to the amendment to the fees. The Members considered the content of the document and considered that the fee structure previously agreed should be supported.

RESOLVED: That the Fee Structure as agreed by Committee on 25 September 2013 (Minute 114 refers) be confirmed.

161 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered and agreed the Work Programme submitted subject to an additional report on the Annual Review of Fees and Charges being added. Following the completion of the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England during which the Commission had determined that the number of Members of the District Council should be reduced from 56 to 47 Members were informed that the Public Consultation Stage in considering the Warding Arrangements was underway with that consultation period finishing on 3 February 2014. In view of this Members were advised that following appropriate meetings of the Working Group a Special Meeting of the Committee would be held to consider a submission by the District Council on Warding Arrangements which would then be considered by Council on 28 January 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Work Programme as submitted be agreed subject to a report on the Annual Review of Environmental Health Functions - Fees and Charges 2014/15 being added and to the proposed consultation process on Warding Arrangements being noted.

(The meeting closed at 6.54 pm)

CHAIRMAN