

Cherwell District Council

Licensing Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 7 October 2009 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Eric Heath (Chairman)

Councillor Tony Ilott
Councillor Margaret Cullip
Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor P A O'Sullivan
Councillor George Parish
Councillor G A Reynolds
Councillor Rose Stratford
Councillor Douglas Webb
Councillor John Wyse

Substitute Members: Councillor Lawrie Stratford (In place of Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards)

Apologies for absence: Councillor Mrs Diana Edwards

Officers: Chris Rothwell, Head of Urban & Rural Services
Natasha Barnes, Licensing & Vehicle Parks Manager
Alexa Coates, Senior Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman informed the committee that Mr Hayat, Chairman of the Cherwell Valley Taxi association had requested to address the committee but that this request had been withdrawn.

13 Urgent Business

There was no urgent business.

14 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15 **Minutes of meeting Friday, 1st May, 2009 of Licensing Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 1 May 2009 were noted by the Committee.

16 **Minutes of meeting Wednesday, 15th July, 2009 of Licensing Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 15 July 2009 were noted by the Committee.

17 **Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 4th August, 2009 of Licensing Sub Committee**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 4 August 2009 were noted by the Committee.

18 **Specification for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles - Consultation**

The committee considered a report of the Head of Urban and Rural Services which reported the responses to the consultation on the Hackney Carriage Vehicles and Private Hire Vehicles Specification. The committee were advised that the specification would be effective from 1 December 2009.

The committee discussed how purpose built vehicles would be identifiable as licensed taxis and were advised that the vehicles would have to be easily identifiable and that many purpose built vehicles are wheelchair accessible and by allowing purpose built vehicles this would increase the number of wheelchair accessible vehicles in operation.

The committee considered whether advertising on the rear of roof signs was appropriate, the committee requested that non-religious was added to list of approved advertising.

Resolved

- 1) That the feedback received on the vehicle specification consultation is noted
- 2) That the amendments to the current Vehicles Specification with the amendments set out in Appendix 1 in the minute book is agreed subject to the following amendments:

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- a) Ref no 6.2 that non-religious is added to the list of approved advertising.
- b) That metric measurements are used consistently through the document.

The meeting ended at 7.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: