

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCILMINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND
REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 10 FEBRUARY 2011SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 15 FEBRUARY 2011

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

* Cllr Mrs Gillian Beel (Chairman)	Cllr Mrs Lucinda Fleming
* Cllr Mrs Elizabeth Cable (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Bob Frost
Cllr Maurice Byham	* Cllr Julian Hubble
* Cllr Victor Duckett	* Cllr Peter Isherwood
* Cllr Mrs Patricia Ellis	* Cllr Bryn Morgan
* Cllr Mrs Carole King	* Cllr John Sandy

*Present

24. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2010 were confirmed and signed.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Maurice Byham, Mrs Lucinda Fleming and Bob Frost.

26. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3)

There were no interests declared under this heading.

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

There were no matters falling within the category

PARTS II AND III - MATTERS OF REPORT**PART II – Matters reported in detail for the information of the Council**Background Papers

The background papers relating to the following items in Parts II and III are as specified in the Agenda for the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

27. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2011/2012 – 2014/2015 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
2011/2012 (Agenda Item 7; Appendix B)

- 27.1 Members received three written representations from Waverley licensed taxi drivers and two drivers also addressed the Committee, requesting the Committee to consider freezing the cost of licences for 12 months due to the difficulties drivers are experiencing in the current economic climate.
- 27.2 The Committee received the report on the latest Budget position and considered those estimates relevant to the services within their remit. The Committee noted the significant budget pressures facing the Council that had led to the Star Chamber proposals to address the budget shortfall.
- 27.3 A schedule of the proposed Licensing fees and charges from 1 April 2011 was attached to the agenda papers. The Star Chamber had formulated proposals for reducing the Budget shortfall and those proposals were included in the report. The proposals accorded with the Star Chamber proposal regarding raising an additional £5,000 income to achieve full recovery of costs where possible.
- 27.4 The Committee considered the request but concluded that, in the light of the Council's budgetary pressures, it was necessary to ensure that the Council aimed to recover all its costs, including those relating to taxi licensing fees. Members also took into consideration that it had been necessary to cut the allocation of grants to community organisations that provided high priority services for the benefit of Waverley residents. The Committee took account of the report that showed the increased fees should lead to Waverley recovering 96% of the costs of taxi and private hire licensing.
- 27.5 The Head of Democratic and Legal Services reminded Members that any recommendation to increase fees and charges for private hire vehicles and drivers would firstly need to be agreed by Council, and then to be advertised in the press. Any representations received would then come back to the Committee for discussion before implementation.
- 27.6 The Committee considered the Star Chamber proposals for the Licensing service and RESOLVED that the Executive be advised that
1. the level of Fees and Charges for 2011/2012 should be approved in accordance with the schedule at Annexe 5 to the agenda papers, and the appropriate public notice be given of the proposed increases to private hire fees and charges; and
 2. the draft Revenue Estimates for 2011/2012 as amended by the Star Chamber proposals be accepted.

PART III – Brief summaries of other matters dealt with

28. APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO KEEP A PET SHOP (Agenda Item 6; Appendix A)

RESOLVED that Mrs F C Douetil be granted a Licence to keep a pet shop for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011.

29. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES) SUB-COMMITTEE (Agenda Item 8; Appendix C)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2010 be noted.

30. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEES (Agenda Item 9; Appendices D and E)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings of Sub-Committee B held on 22 November 2010 and Sub-Committee C held on 6 December 2010 be noted.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at 10.22 a.m.

Chairman