

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING AND
REGULATORY COMMITTEE – 2ND JUNE 2008

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL – 22ND JULY 2008

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

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| * Cllr Mrs G M Beel (Chairman) | * Cllr N P Holder |
| * Cllr R A Knowles (Vice-Chairman) | * Cllr J P Hubble |
| * Cllr M W Byham | * Cllr Mrs C A King |
| * Cllr Mrs E Cable | * Cllr P B Isherwood |
| * Cllr V Duckett | * Cllr B J Morgan |
| * Cllr R D Frost | * Cllr J M Savage |

*Present

7. MINUTES (Agenda Item 1)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2008 were confirmed and signed.

8. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J M Savage.

9. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS (Agenda Item 3)

No interests were declared under this item.

PART I – RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

There are no matters falling within this category.

PARTS II AND III – MATTERS OF REPORT

Background Papers (CEX)

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.

PART II – Matters reported in detail for the information of the Council

10. REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY - SIX-MONTHLY TESTS FOR VEHICLES OF OVER FIVE YEARS (Item 5; Appendix A)

- 10.1 The Committee was reminded that, following consultation with licensees, the Council had considered and approved a policy for the licensing of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles in July 2007. Following that Council meeting all licensees were notified of the changes to policy. One objection was made to the loss of a sliding scale for a vehicle age policy. That matter

was considered in October 2007 and amended. Licensees were advised of the amendment in the occasional leaflet issued by the Licensing Section later in October 2007. At the liaison meeting held in April 2008 between hackney carriage/private hire licensees, officers and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee, a private hire licensee with two private hire licensed vehicles raised an objection to the 'age of vehicles' policy with specific reference to the six-monthly testing of vehicles of over five years old and the Chairman agreed to ask this Committee to look at that matter again.

- 10.2 Members were advised that this had been the only objection received on the issue and that the licensee was particularly concerned about the cost incurred by having to undertake twice-yearly tests and the retrospective change to an existing licence.
- 10.3 The Committee was of the view that a six-monthly test and subsequent additional cost was justified as the Council had a responsibility for the safety of residents travelling in a vehicle licensed by the Council. Furthermore, Members considered that as this Committee had already debated this issue and considered it to be necessary in the interests of public safety, there should be no reason to change the policy at this stage. It was then

RESOLVED that no review of the current licensing policy with regard to six-monthly tests for vehicles of over five years was required.

Background Papers (CEX)

Representation as submitted.

PART III – Brief Summaries of other matters dealt with

11. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES) SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing (General Purposes) Sub-Committee held on 14th April 2008 be noted.

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB-COMMITTEE B

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub-Committee B held on 31st March 2008 be noted.

There being no matters needing to be dealt with in exempt session, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and concluded at 7.17pm.

Chairman