

Licensing and Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, 12 December 2012

Present: Councillor Marion Lowe (Chair), Councillor Anthony Gee (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Jean Cronshaw, Matthew Crow, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Graham Dunn, Keith Iddon, Hasina Khan, Paul Leadbetter, Adrian Lowe, Mick Muncaster, Steve Murfitt, Pauline Phipps, Alan Platt, Ralph Snape and John Walker

Also in attendance

Officer: Zeynab Patel (Solicitor), Paul Carter (Public Protection Co-ordinator) and Dianne Scambler (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

12.LPS.53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

12.LPS.54 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing and Public Safety Committee meeting held on 12 September be confirmed as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

12.LPS.55 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were received.

12.LPS.56 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE'S

RESOLVED - That the meeting of the General Licensing Sub Committee's held on the 7 and 21 November 2012 be held as correct record.

12.LPS.57 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003 SUB COMMITTEE'S

RESOLVED - That the meeting of the Licensing Act 2003 Sub Committee held on 20 September 2012 be held as a correct record.

12.LPS.58 AMENDMENT TO CONDITIONS RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Committee received a report of the Director of People and Places that sought approval for the removal of the condition of the requirement to provide a fire extinguisher in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

At a meeting of the Licensing Liaison Panel meeting comments had been made that the requirement to have a fire extinguisher was contradictory to current guidance provided by the fire service. Concerns also highlighted the lack of training and understanding on their use. Officers were asked to research this issue and report their findings to this Committee.

The Council had consulted with Lancashire Fire and Rescue Services about the matter and whilst they had the opinion that the carrying of a fire extinguisher was generally a good idea, there was an appreciation of the concerns from taxi operators in relation to personal safety and felt that it was a condition that should not be insisted upon.

It was proposed by Councillor Adrian Lowe, seconded by Councillor Paul Leadbetter and subsequently **RESOLVED to approve the removal of the condition for the requirement to provide a fire extinguisher in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles from the conditions of application.**

12.LPS.59 AMENDED GUIDANCE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 182 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Director of People and Places submitted a report to inform the Committee of the revised guidance pursuant to Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 issued on 31 October 2012.

The revised Guidance had been anticipated following the Live Music Act 2012 (the 2012 Act) coming in to force on 1 October 2012, along with provisions of the police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 concerning Early Morning Restriction Orders (EMRO's)

A number of changes had been made and these were outlined in the report along with notification of an amendment to correct a sentence within the document that had been made in error.

RESOLVED – That the information within the report be noted.

12.LPS.60 SEASONS GREETINGS

The Chair wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Chair