

REPORT OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE AND THE STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE

GENERAL REPORT

1. This report sets out a brief summary of the main items considered at the meetings of the Licensing and Safety Committee and the Statutory Licensing Committee held on 28 November 2007.

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Proposed Increase in Hackney Carriage Fares

2. We considered the report of the Corporate Director of Governance outlining a request made by the local Hackney Carriage Association for an increase in hackney carriage fares.
3. Hackney carriage fares were last increased in November 2005 and due to the increases in fuel prices and rises in the cost of living, an increase has been requested.
4. It is the responsibility of the Council to set hackney carriage fares, after having considered the request by the Hackney Carriage Association. Members considered a comparison chart of neighbouring authorities enclosed with the report.
5. We resolved that the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage fares be agreed, subject to the necessary notice being advertised and no objections being received.

Licensing and Registration - Summary of Activity from 2 October 2007 To 2 November 2007

6. We received and noted a report of the Corporate Director of Governance on the activity of the Licensing Section for the period 2 October 2007 to 2 November 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003.

Application for a Licence to Drive a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle in Chorley Borough

7. We received a report of the Corporate Director of Governance requesting the Committee to consider an application for a licence to drive Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles within the Borough of Chorley.
8. The applicant attended the meeting to make representations and answer questions from the Committee.

9. Following careful consideration of the application we agreed that it be refused on the basis that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire/hackney carriage drivers licence and we agreed the grounds for the decision.

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10. We received a report of the Corporate Director of Governance requesting the Committee to consider an application for a licence to drive Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles within the Borough of Chorley.
11. The applicant attended the meeting to make representations and answer questions from the Committee.
12. Following careful consideration of the application we agreed that a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence be granted to the applicant.

STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE– 28 NOVEMBER 2007

Licensing and Registration - Summary of Activity from 2 October 2007 - 2 November 2007

13. We received the report of the Corporate Director of Governance on the activities of the Licensing Section for the period 2 October 2007 to 2 November 2007 under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005.

Gambling Act Training

14. We heard that an additional session could be arranged for those Councillors who were not able to attend the Gambling Act training held on 22 November. The handouts were distributed and Members would contact officers if they required an additional session.
15. A further training session on the Gambling Act would be held on 12 December at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

Recommendation

16. The Council is recommended to note the report.

COUNCILLOR MRS I SMITH
Chair of the Licensing and Safety Committee

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There are no background papers to this report.