

# **GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** The Chair (Councillor Sareva), The Vice-Chair (Councillor Cook), The Sheriff (Councillor Goddard), Councillors Brundin, Christian, Humberstone, Keen, Lygo, Rundle and Williams.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jeremy Thomas (Head of Legal and Democratic Services) and William Reed (Democratic Services Manager).

## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2008/09**

Councillor Sareva was elected Chair of the Committee for the 2008/09 Council Year.

## **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2008/09**

Councillor Cook was elected Vice-Chair of the Committee for the 2008/09 Council Year.

## **3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a note (previously circulated and now appended).

No declarations of interest were made.

## **5. POWERS AND DUTIES**

Resolved to note the Committee's powers and duties as set out in a note (previously circulated and now appended) of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

## **6. APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) To appoint a Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub-Committee with powers and duties and membership as follows:-

Powers and Duties

1. To decide taxi and private hire and other vehicle driver and operator licence applications where the applicant has a conviction and the relevant Service Head has concerns about the nature of the offence or the applicant or the vehicle may not be suitable for some reason.
2. To withdraw and suspend licences for taxis, private hire and other vehicles and their drivers and operators.

(These powers and duties are a change to those set out in Annex 1 to the report).

Membership

Councillors Brundin, Cook and Sareva

- (2) To appoint a Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee with powers and duties and membership as follows:-

Powers and Duties

1. To decide sex shop licence applications when there are objections.
2. To decide street trading applications that are for longer than three months.
3. To decide applications to renew street trading permissions when there has been a complaint about the trader, or the trader has broken the conditions of their street trading permissions in the past year.

(These are the powers and duties that are as set out in Annex 2 to the report).

Membership

Councillors Christian, Humberstone, Rundle and Sareva (ie., and increase from three members to four members).

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved to note that the Committee would next meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008, the meeting to follow the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee that would commence at 5.00 pm.