

GENERAL PURPOSES LICENSING COMMITTEE

Monday 12th October 2009

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jill Cramer, Tony Payne and Andy Thomson (Environmental Development); Alistair Ferrier (City Centre Manager); William Reed and Daniel Smith (Legal and Democratic Services).

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest by members present.

18. MINUTES

Resolved to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2009 subject, in resolution (3) to minute 13 (INTRODUCTION OF VEHICLE EXHAUST EMISSION STANDARDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES), to the second date being corrected to read 1st October 2005.

19. APPOINTMENT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE STAND – HIGH STREET

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved to agree to the provision of a hackney carriage stand for two vehicles on the north side of High Street west of Turl Street as shown on the plan annexed to the report.

20. LICENCE FEES – AMENDMENTS – PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) To agree a change to the Conditions for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles that a vehicle licence may be transferred from one private hire vehicle to another private hire vehicle and from one hackney carriage to another hackney carriage, in each case for the duration of the licence period and upon the same conditions that applied to that licence;
- (2) That licence fees for the transfers be as set out in the table in Paragraph 7 of the report.

21. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE CONDITIONS – POLICE CAUTIONS – AMENDMENTS

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved to agree a change in the conditions for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles that if a licensed driver accepted a caution by a Police Force, that the driver shall be required to provide full details of it to the council within 7 days of receipt.

22. STREET TRADING SCHEME – UPDATE AND REVIEW

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) To authorise the Head of Environmental Development to seek views on the principle of a new approach for street trading in the northern part of St Ebbe's Street as referred to in paragraph 10 of the report;
- (2) To authorise the Head of Environmental Development to seek views on the principle of changing the designation of streets in all or part of the City centre to consent streets as referred to in paragraph 9 of the report, this consultation to make it clear that although the Council was consulting upon designating additional streets as consent streets, it did not necessarily follow that the Council was intending to create additional street pitches, but rather, to enable rationalisation of street trading to take place;
- (3) To endorse the draft street trading policy appended to the report, subject to consultation upon it being carried out also with the Covered Market traders, Gloucester Green market traders, and the public generally, and that before consultation, the Head of Environmental Development and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services should consider the following comments of committee members, and reflect them in consultation:-
 - (a) That the individual areas occupied by street traders ought to be controlled and the street traders not permitted to expand outside the designated

areas, and if some pitches were larger than others, this should be reflected in the fee charged;

- (b) That the outcome of consideration of apportionment of fees by the Interim Head of Property and Facilities Management should be included in the consultation draft;
- (c) That the possibility of pitches being auctioned to the highest bidder be considered;
- (d) Stalls should be of uniform look and quality;
- (e) That the consultation should include seeking of views on whether there should be more or less street trading in the City.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved to note that the Committee would next meet on 8th February 2010.

The meeting commenced at 5.38 pm and closed at 6.17 pm.