
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING (GENERAL PURPOSES)**SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 MARCH 2013 AT 10.00 A.M.****IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors V E Guglielmi (Chairman), Fawcett (Vice-Chairman), Casey, De-Vaux Balbirnie, Platt, Powell, Pugh and Skeels

In Attendance: Solicitor (Linda Trembath), Licensing Officer (Alan Tolmie), Assistant Licensing Officer (Emma King) and Democratic Services Officer (Elizabeth Ridout)

Also in Attendance: Food and Health & Safety Manager (John Fox), Democratic Services Manager (Colin Sweeney) (items 27 – 35 (part)), Licensing Assistant (Darren O'Neill) and Licensing Administration Assistant (Jamie Livermore)

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

There were none.

28. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 12 November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

30. PRESENTATION BY ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL – TRADING STANDARDS

Members received a verbal presentation from Sophia Harris and Liz Webb, both Trading Standards Officers at Essex County Council, outlining the role and responsibilities of Trading Standards and an update of the work undertaken in the last 12 months in relation to the Licensing Act 2003, including age-restricted sales, premises licenses, non-compliance, test purchasing, support for traders and emerging issues. Members asked questions on those issues to which both officers responded.

The Chairman thanked Sophia Harris and Liz Webb for a useful presentation, and the Licensing Officer (Alan Tolmie) undertook to circulate the details of the presentation to all members of the Licensing Committee.

31. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee noted the contents of a report on the number of drivers, vehicles and operators licensed by the Council as at 1 November 2012 and 4 March 2013, which was submitted for information only.

32. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

There were none.

33. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor Powell, seconded by Councillor De-Vaux Balbirnie and:

RESOLVED that under Schedule 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business to be considered below on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act:

- (a) Special Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 12 November 2012
- (b) Report of Corporate Director (Public Experience)
 - B.1 - Applications for the Renewal of Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences
 - B.2 - Review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence
 - B.3 - Appeal against Refusal of a Hackney Carriage Driver Application

34. SPECIAL MINUTES

The Special Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 12 November 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.