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LICENSING COMMITTEE – 12TH FEBRUARY 2014
DECISION LIST

AGENDA ITEM NO.	REPORT REF	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	-	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen Alderson and Elaine Griffin-Singh.	
2.	-	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	To receive declarations of interest from Members for any items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct.	There were no declarations of interest.	

3.	-	MINUTES	To receive and confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2013.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
4.	-	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	Announcement of items of interest	<p>The Chairman made the following announcements:</p> <p>'Rewiring Licensing' Publication</p> <p>The Local Government Association has published a document entitled 'Rewiring Licensing' which outlines the Association's call for full reform of the licensing framework. This proposal would deliver a deregulatory approach that freed up business and Council time while maintaining important safeguards for local communities and businesses.</p> <p>A copy of the publication was circulated to all Members of the Committee.</p>	

				<p>Update on changes to way Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing outcomes are reported in public minutes</p> <p>At the Licensing Committee meeting on 9 October 2013, the Committee instructed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to format wording for consultation with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade to inform them that following future Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings involving disciplinary matters only, where the Sub-Committee resolved to take action, that the Licensee name will be openly published with the disciplinary action.</p> <p>A letter was circulated to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade, including the National Private Hire Association, and the consultation ran for 28 days from 21 October 2013 to 18 November 2013. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services did not receive any representations or objections during the consultation period.</p>	
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				<p>As no objections/representations were required to be considered by the Licensing Committee, as of 1 December 2013 following, all future Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings involving disciplinary matters only, where the Sub-Committee resolves to take action, the Licensee name will be openly published with the disciplinary action in the public minutes.</p> <p>However, the public minutes will not be published for 21 days after the hearing in order to allow for any potential appeal to the Magistrates Court.</p> <p>All future Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing reports involving current Licence Holders will include a paragraph indicating that if the Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee decides on disciplinary action against the licence holder that the name of the driver and disciplinary action will be published in the public minutes after 21 days.</p>	
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				The Taxi and Private Hire Blue Book has also been amended to reflect the changes in the way Taxi Licensing Sub-Committee Hearing outcomes are reported in public minutes.	
5.	N215	POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERATION OF SCRAP METAL DEALERS SITE AND COLLECTORS LICENCES	To consider a draft policy and guidelines for consideration of Scrap Metal Dealers Site and Collectors licences.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That approval be given to the policy and guidelines set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, subject to consultation with the Trade.</p> <p>It was also resolved TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That Council authorise the Monitoring Officer to include the delegations as set out in Appendix 2 to the submitted report within the Licensing Committee Scheme of Delegations to Committee and Officers.</p>	LK/KS
6.	N216	SCRAP METAL LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HEARING PROCEDURE	To consider a draft Hearings Procedure for the Scrap Metal Licensing Sub-Committee.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Hearings Procedure for the Scrap Metal Licensing Sub-Committee, set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved.</p>	JT/SB/MS

7.	-	FORWARD AGENDA PLAN	To review the Licensing Committee forward agenda plan.	It was resolved: That the Licensing Committee forward agenda plan and cancellation of the meetings scheduled for 12 March and 21 May 2014 be noted.	MS
8.	-	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC	That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda item 8 because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category 1, 2 5, 6 & 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	It was resolved: That the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining agenda items.	
9.	-	ACTION TAKEN UNDER SECTION 61(2B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976	To note action taken by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Vice-Chairman of the Committee (in the absence of the Chairman) in accordance with Section 61(2B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.	It was resolved: That the report be noted.	

10.	-	EXEMPT MINUTES – 13 NOVEMBER 2014	To receive and confirm as a correct record the Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2013.	It was resolved: That the Exempt Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 13 November 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.	MS
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