

# **NOTICE OF MEETING**

#### LICENSING COMMITTEE

**FRIDAY 4 MARCH 2005 AT 11.30AM** 

CONFERENCE ROOM B, FLOOR 2, CIVIC OFFICES, GUILDHALL SQUARE, PORTSMOUTH

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(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the Minutes of this meeting.)

## <u>A G E N D A</u>

- 1 Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14
- 2 Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2005

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2005 are attached.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 January 2005 be agreed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

- 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 4 Options for a Review of Current Policy to Restrict the number of Hackney Cab Vehicle Licences

**RECOMMENDED** that the Committee consider and determine which of the following options it wishes to pursue in respect of its current policy to restrict the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences:

#### Option 1:

To consult all stakeholders on the option of removal of the current quantity

control of hackney carriage vehicle licences without limits;

#### Option 2:

To consult all stakeholders on the option of removal of the current quantity control of hackney carriage vehicle licences by issuing a limited number of licences on an annual basis; or

#### Option 3:

To commission a survey of unmet demand for the services of licensed hackney carriage vehicles to be carried out as soon as possible and to consider such action as the survey mat recommend and

To make budgetary provision for such a survey by way of an increase in licence fees charged to hackney carriage licence holders for the financial year 2005/2006

#### RECOMMENDED that the Committee determine the matter.

## 5 Appointment to Sub Committees

It will be necessary to appoint a sub committee to deal with a number of licensing matters that require decision and which are set out in a separate agenda.

Under Minute 168/04, the Council agreed that –

- a. the Licensing Committee form sub-committees each to comprise 3 named members
- b. that each Licensing sub-committee member be allocated from the Licensing Committee membership two named alternative members

A paper setting out the arrangements for the appointment of sub-committees will be circulated.

### **RECOMMENDED** that the Committee determine the matter.

### 6 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Licensing Committee will be held at 9.30 on Friday 15 April 2005 in Conference Room B.