
NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2006 AT 09.30AM

**EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, FLOOR 3,
THE GUILDHALL, GUILDHALL SQUARE,
PORTSMOUTH**

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

A G E N D A

- 1 Members' Interests in Accordance with Standing Order No 14**
- 2 Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 15 September 2006**

The minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 15 September 2006 are attached.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 15 September 2006 be agreed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

- 3 Matters Arising from the Minutes**
- 4 Minutes of the Sub Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2006**

The minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee Meeting held on 3 October 2006 are attached.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meeting held on 3 October 2006 be confirmed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

- 5 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

6 Review of the Current Policy to Restrict the Number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences and Review of Certain Existing Quality Control Measures for Hackney Carriage Vehicles

A report by the Licensing Manager is attached.

The purpose of the report is threefold. Firstly, the Committee are requested to consider the report by Transportation Planning International Ltd ("TPI") which was commissioned to investigate whether or not there is any significant unmet demand for the services of hackney carriages, secondly to review the existing policy of the licensing authority to restrict the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences and thirdly to review certain existing policy considerations in respect of quality control measures for hackney carriage vehicles.

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That the Committee consider and determine which of the following options it wishes to pursue in respect of its future policy in respect of quality control, if any, of hackney carriage vehicles:

Option 1:

To retain the existing policy of the Committee by limiting the quantity of hackney carriage vehicle licences to 234; or

Option 2:

Issue a number of hackney carriage vehicle licences as the Committee consider appropriate; or

Option 3:

To remove numerical restrictions on hackney carriage licences.

- (2) That the Committee consider and determine whether they wish to amend their existing quality control policy so as:
- i) to vary the current policy so as to permit those vehicles which meet Public Carriage Office specification (i.e. "London style" cabs) to be no more than 4 years old on initial licensing and to remain licensed as a hackney carriage vehicle for up to 12 years providing it is considered to be in good mechanical and cosmetic condition or:
 - ii) the current age policy remains as existing and applications for further extensions may be considered and varied on individual merit.
- (3) The Committee consider the representations submitted in relation to rear loading vehicles and determine whether they wish to amend the existing hackney carriage vehicle policy for suitably adapted fully wheelchair accessible vehicles so that any such vehicle should meet the minimum standard of nearside loading for any wheelchair.

7 Registration of Motor Salvage Operators – Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 and the Motor Salvage Operators Regulations 2002

A report by the Licensing Manager is attached.

The purpose of this report is to inform members of the statutory requirement for local authorities to undertake the function of registering motor salvage operators as a measure to assist the Police with the control of vehicle crime. The report sets out the steps necessary to carry out the process and proposes the fees for registration.

RECOMMENDED that;

- (1) the provisions of Part 1 of the Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001 and the Motor Salvage Operators Regulations 2002 be noted;**
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorised to administer and otherwise deal with applications;**
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorised to approve, to renew, to refuse to grant, to refuse to renew or to cancel registrations at his discretion;**
- (4) in such cases where an applicant has been given notice of a proposal to refuse to grant, renew or cancel a registration and where that applicant has given notice that he wishes to make representations about the proposal, the matter will be referred to the Licensing Committee or one of its sub-committees for determination; and**
- (5) that a registration fee of £70 for the grant or renewal of a registration be approved.**

8 Recent Prosecutions – Licensing Matters

A report by the Licensing Manager is attached.

The purpose of the report is to advise Members of recent prosecutions instigated by the City Solicitor at the request of the Licensing Manager. It is the normal policy of your reporting officer to forward details of prosecutions to the committee for information.