



NOTICE OF MEETING

LICENSING COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2015 AT 9.30AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, SECOND FLOOR, THE GUILDHALL

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Standing Deputies

Councillors Stephen Hastings, Lee Hunt, Leo Madden, Hugh Mason, Robert New, Linda Symes, Neill Young and Colin Galloway

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**

- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests**

3 Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 - review of vehicle and operator licensing fees - consideration of objections. (Pages 1 - 126)

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the committee to consider objections that have been made to the Licensing Authority in response to the proposed variation to the level of fees payable in respect of private hire and hackney carriage licences.

Recommendations

- 1. That the committee consider the objections received in response to the proposed variation to licensing fees; and**
- 2. That the committee determine the level of fees to be set in respect of hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licences and private hire operator licences and for such fees to come into immediate effect.**

4 Licensing Act 2003 - Local Neighbourhood Notification Scheme - Proposed Amendments (Pages 127 - 132)

Purpose.

1. To note key statutory changes to the Licensing Act 2003, changes to the statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State and to take into consideration legal advice so far as this all relates to the "vicinity" test for the consideration of relevant and germane representations made to the licensing authority when considering licensing applications and accordingly
2. To seek amendment and revision to the Licensing Committee's adopted local neighbourhood notification scheme in relation to applications for both the grant (and major variations) in respect of both premises licences and club premises certificates
3. To seek committee approval to rescind Licensing Committee minute 5/2006 so far as this relates to the expected requirement of notifying all properties within a 50 metre radius of the application site for licensing applications
4. To note and endorse changes to the way the city council, as the local planning authority, advertises planning applications by way of neighbourhood notifications and to implement a similar more streamlined process for licensing applications
5. To note the immediate financial savings to the licensing undertaking as a result of implementing the proposed recommendations to the current administrative arrangements in respect of the licensing neighbourhood notification scheme

Recommendation

1. That the Licensing Committee minute 5/2006 be rescinded and substituted with:

(1a) That, as a matter of local policy, the Head of Health, Safety & Licensing be authorised to continue with an amended neighbourhood notification scheme for the grant (and major variation) of premises licences and club premises certificates pursuant to section 2, Local Government Act 2000 in order to promote the social well-being of the area and to bring licensing applications to the attention of persons likely to be affected;

(1b) That the Head of Health, Safety & Licensing be given delegated authority to administer the neighbour notification scheme for licensing applications consistent with those mentioned in (1a) above by way of:

- Notification of licensing applications to all members via the weekly Members' Information Service (MIS) and notification of licensing applications to ward councillors¹**
- Notification of licensing applications via public access on the council website**
- Notification of licensing applications via site notices at the discretion of the Head of Health, Safety & Licensing and after having regard to the circumstances of any individual application received.**

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