



LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE  
FERNELEY ROOM, PARKSIDE, MELTON MOWBRAY

12<sup>th</sup> November 2013

PRESENT:-

Councillors P. Cumbers, P. Chandler  
N. Slater (VC)  
M. Barnes (C), G Bush

Licensing Officer  
G. Barker (minute taker)

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L12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from P Baguley and E Holmes.

L13. MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2013

Cllr Cumbers wished to have minuted that following on from the last minutes (10.9.13 – L10, 3) there was still 'Anarchy' in the Town Centre regarding the bollards and the pedestrianised areas.

The Licensing Officer stated that these were not matters for the Licensing Committee but that Cllr. Cumbers concerns were noted.

L14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

L15. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Officer submitted her report and the purpose of this report was to seek approval from members in respect of proposed changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy prior to consultation and consideration by Rural Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee.

There was a general discussion on each of the changes and updates recorded by the Licensing Officer

The Licensing Officer stated that the proposed changes were aimed at raising standards and making enforcement easier.

Members were concerned about the proposed changes to the vehicle age policy. The Licensing Officer explained that the changes were to enable wheelchair accessible and purpose built vehicles to be able to be licensed longer than other vehicles and therefore to encourage the trade to purchase and licence them.

Concerns about Fares/Meters - Licensing Officer stated that for private hire vehicles fares should be agreed beforehand. Hackney Carriages cannot charge more than is on the meter but could charge less.

Advertising on Licensed vehicles. Cllr. Barnes said that he felt advertising should be allowed on vehicles and the Licensing Officer explained that the new policy addressed this issue and advertising would be allowed under the new policy.

Health Act 2010 – These is a total ban on smoking in licensed vehicles, the Licensing Officer discussed a proposal to ban electronic cigarettes and that the Environmental Protection and Safety Manager would address this and discuss any concerns at the next Special Licensing Committee.

Victoria Clarke (Environmental Officer) to arrange a special meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Disciplinary and Enforcement Policy and the introduction of a Penalty Points scheme.

Cllr. Cumbers raised an issue about gambling machines in betting shops, she will provide more information for Licensing Officer.

L16. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair asked members if they had any urgent business – None

Licensing Officer confirmed training course for Thursday and asked who would be attending.

The meeting which commenced at 4.00 p.m. closed at 5.00 p.m.