

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2014

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices, Fareham

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs P M Bryant (Chairman)

Councillor T M Cartwright, MBE (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs S M Bayford, Miss S M Bell, Mrs M E Ellerton,
M J Ford, JP, N R Gregory, T J Howard, L Keeble,
Mrs K Mandry, D J Norris and Mrs S Pankhurst



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Committee held on 16 September 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made an announcement concerning an in-house Licensing Training Session for members, which had been arranged for Tuesday 20 January 2015. The training session would be conducted by Peter Savill and would be from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee received a deputation from Mr Paul Rogerson on Review of Hackney Carriage Fares (minute 7 below refers).

RESOLVED that Mr Rogerson be thanked for his deputation.

MATTER SUBMITTED FOR CONFIRMATION

6. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the review of polling districts and polling places.

RECOMMENDED that:-

- (a) the further comments made on the review of polling districts and polling places as a result of the consultation on the draft scheme, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) the proposed change to the polling place for Fareham East District 2 as detailed in Appendix A to the report be rejected and the polling place remain as Harrison Road School (voting: 10 for, 1 against, 1 abstention);
- (c) subject to (b) above, the proposed final scheme, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be adopted for the next four years.

DECISIONS UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

7. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee received the deputation referred to in minute 5 above.

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on an application from the hackney carriage trade for an increase in fares.

Copies of the existing Tariff Card were circulated to those present.

It was noted that a revised Appendix C to the report had been circulated prior to the meeting and published on the Council's website and copies were made available to those present who required them.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Head of Environmental Health be requested to seek legal clarification concerning the requirement to display all charges on the tariff card and the situation concerning charges for using debit and credit card payments;
- (b) further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Committee, on 20 January 2015.

8. SPENDING PLANS 2015-16

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on Spending Plans for 2015-16.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the revised budget for 2014/15 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved;
- (b) no reduction be made to the proposed fee for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences;
- (c) further to (b) above, whilst retaining the initial application fee of £115, a subsequent renewal fee of £75 be introduced for Home (Domestic) Animal Boarding Establishment Licences (voting: 5 for, 4 against);
- (d) subject to (c) above, the fees and charges for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix A to the report be approved; and
- (e) the base budget for 2015/16 as shown in Appendix B to the report be approved.

9. LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Community on the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the progress on actions arising from the meeting of the Committee held on 8 July 2014 be noted;
- (b) the training session on 20 January 2015 (minute 3 above refers) be added to the work programme;
- (c) 'Review of Hackney Carriage Fares' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015 (minute 7 above refers);
- (d) 'Environmental Health Partnership Update' be added to the work programme for 20 January 2015;
- (e) 'Review of Implementation of IER' be moved from 20 January 2015 to 17 March 2015; and
- (f) subject to (b), (c), (d) and (e) above, the work programme for 2014/15, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be confirmed.

(The meeting started at 6.00pm
and ended at 7.27pm).