

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY
2004 AT 7.30 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M P A McMullen (Chairman).
Councillors W Ashley, D R Atkins, P R Ballam,
A L Burlton, J Demonti, D M Hone, T Milner,
L Pinnell, M Port, B W J Sapsford, A Schweizer,
J J Taylor, J D Thornton, M Tindale, A L Warman,
J Warren.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Neil Hodgson	- Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)
Linda Bevan	- Committee Secretary
Chris Clowes	- Licensing Research and Development Officer
Simon Drinkwater	- Assistant Director (Law and Control)

30 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed new Members of the Committee.

The Chairman asked the Assistant Director (Regulatory Services) to comment on progress on arrangements for liquor licensing. The Assistant Director explained that guidelines were awaited from central government and draft policies had been prepared.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P R Ballam declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 36 (Table of Fares for Hackney Carriages from 1 November 2004) by virtue of her son's employment and left the room during discussion of and

voting on the item.

RESOLVED ITEMS

ACTION

32 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2003 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

33 PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING
SUB-COMMITTEE: MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meetings of the Public Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee held on 11 December 2003 and 11 February 2004 be received.

34 HUMAN RESOURCES SUB-COMMITTEE: MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meetings of the Human Resources Sub-Committee held on 7 January 2004 and 18 February 2004 be received.

35 RECONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

A report was submitted by Assistant Director (Law and Control) inviting the Committee to reconstitute two Sub-Committees dealing with human resource and public entertainment licence issues.

The Committee agreed to reconstitute these bodies.

RESOLVED – that (A) the Human Resources and Public Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committees be reconstituted as follows:-

ALC

(B) seats on the Sub-Committees referred to in (A) above be allocated to political groups as follows:-

ALC

ACTION

	Seats	Cons	Lib Dem	KAB	JW	BWJS	DRA	
Human Resouces Sub-Committee	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	
Public Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	, and

(C) the following Members be appointed to seats on the Sub-Committees and as substitutes in accordance with the wishes of political groups to whom the seats on these bodies are allocated:- ALC

Human Resources Sub-Committee:

Conservatives M Alexander W Ashley S A Bull N Burdett D E Mayes D Richards

Substitutes D Clark J Demonti D L E M P A T Milner J Warren
Hollebon McMullen

Liberal Democrat M Wood

Substitute A M Graham

Public Entertainment Licensing Sub-Committee

Conservatives W Ashley J Demonti T Milner M P A A Schweizer J D Thornton
McMullen

Liberal Democrat A M Graham

Substitute M Wood

36 TABLE OF FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES FROM 1 NOVEMBER 2004

The Assistant Director (Regulatory Services) submitted a report on proposals for an increase in hackney carriage fares from 1 November 2004.

ACTION

The Assistant Director reported that officers met regularly with trade representatives to discuss possible alterations to hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing conditions and increases in hackney carriage tariffs. A meeting had been held with trade representatives and their latest fare proposals were circulated at the meeting. The increases would be advertised for public comment in newspapers and on the internet. Objections would be considered by the Council.

Members discussed the proposals and decided to raise their concerns with the Executive over the increase in waiting time in traffic congestion in particular and the level of charge increases in general.

RESOLVED – that the Executive be informed that the Licensing Committee:

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- a. does not agree with the proposed increase in waiting time charge;
- b. considers the overall proposed charge increases should not exceed 3% per annum; and
- c. considers the increases should not include a full 3% increase for both years which had not seen increases.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm