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MEETING : LICENSING COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013
TIME : 4.30 PM

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Councillor Mrs R Cheswright (Chairman).
Councillors W Ashley, P Ballam, E Bedford, R Beeching, E Buckmaster,
K Crofton, J Demonti, Mrs D Hone, M McMullen, P Moore, P Phillips,
J Taylor and B Wrangles, One Vacancy.

Substitutes:

Conservative Group: Councillors G Jones and P Ruffles.
Liberal Democrat Group:
Independent Group: Councillor M Newman.

(Note: Substitution arrangements must be notified by the absent Member to Democratic Services 24 hours before the meeting).

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DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.
4. It is a criminal offence to:
 - fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
 - fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
 - participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
 - knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

(Note: The criminal penalties available to a court are to impose a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale and disqualification from being a councillor for up to 5 years.)

AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Chairman's Announcements

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Member(s)' declaration(s) of interest

4. Minutes - 1 November 2012

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 1 November 2012 (Previously circulated as part of the Council Minute book for 12 December 2012).

5. Licensing Sub-Committee (Pages 7 – 26).

To receive the Minutes of meetings of the Licensing Sub-Committee:

14 January 2013

28 January 2013

13 February 2013.

6. Taxi Licensing Policy: Recommendations From Community Scrutiny Committee (Pages 27 – 56).

7. Review of Statement of Licensing Policy (Pages 57 – 182).

8. Licensing Act 2003 As Amended Police Reform And Social Responsibility Act 2011: Early Morning Restriction Orders And Late Night Levy (Pages 183 – 204).

9. Options for Improvement of Bishop's Stortford Taxi Rank Provision (Pages 205 – 210).

10. Expression of Interest from Taxi Vehicle Condition Garages (Pages 211 – 216).
11. Attendance at Licensing Sub-Committee (Pages 217 – 222).
12. Report On Licensing Activity Quarter 4 Of 2012 (Pages 223 – 228).
13. Urgent Business

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.