

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN**  
**MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2005 (10.30 A.M.)**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillors Mrs. P.V. Hayward, (Chairman), J. Baker (Vice-Chairman, Mrs. M.B. Aston, G.W. Ballinger, J-P. Campion, S.J.M. Clee, P. Dyke, Mrs. J. Fairbrother-Millis, B.T. Glass, P.B. Harrison, Mrs. A.T. Hingley, W.G. Jones, M.B. Kelly, M.M.G. Oborski, and A.D. Williams.

**CM.672      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. J. Desmond and Mrs. P. A. Rimell.

**CM.673      APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES**

Councillor S.J.M. Clee was appointed as a substitute for Councillor N.J. Desmond.

Councillor Mrs. J. Fairbrother-Millis was appointed as a substitute for Councillor Mrs. P.A. Rimell.

**CM.674      DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members were invited to declare any interests in any item on the Agenda (including a declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992).

None were declared.

The Chairman welcomed Jane Kitchen, Financial Services Manager to the meeting.

**CM.675      MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CM.676      LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment with regard to proposed increases in the fees and charges within its licensing functions for 2005/2006. The increase would be in line with current Council Policy on fees and charges and it is estimated that an additional £500 would be raised per annum.

Members raised questions relating to the value of the services and the charges made and were informed by officers that all fees are based on administration and enforcement costs. It was also confirmed that a Local Authority should not make a profit from such charges.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that the proposed increased in fees and charges as proposed for the year 2005/2006 be approved.**

**CM.677 APPLICATION FOR GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE – MR. P.C.R. YARDLEY**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment with regard to an application that had been received from Mr. P.C.R. Yardley, for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence. This application related specifically to the use of such a vehicle as a taxi bus.

The applicant was not present at the meeting.

The Committee considered this application in light of the fact that this Council has a policy of restricting the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences that it issues and that a survey of unmet demand was currently being undertaken. The results of this survey would be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

There was a general discussion among members of the committee and it was felt that no further additional licences should be issued because of the current policy and it was noted that the Council had recently commissioned a survey of unmet demand to bring its policy up to date.

The Solicitor gave verbal and written advice with regard to the Council's policy and the need to take into account such policy when making a decision.

Members requested that information be provided on the proportion of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles licensed by authorities within Worcestershire and other neighbouring authorities.

**DECISION: the application be refused in accordance with current Council Policy, the Committee being satisfied that there was no evidence of significant demand which was unmet.**

**CM.678 APPLICATION FOR GRANT A HACKNEY CARRIAGE  
VEHICLE LICENCE – MESSRS. S. AHMED, T. JEAUVONS AND  
M. HUSSAIN**

The Committee considered the reports of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment on the applications received from Messrs. S. Ahmed, T. Jeavons and M. Hussain for the grant of a hackney carriage vehicle licence.

**DECISION: the applications be refused in accordance with current Council Policy, the Committee being satisfied that that there was no evidence of significant demand which was unmet.**

The meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.

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