

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING & REGULATORY  
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON  
WEDNESDAY 9 JULY 2014, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor Mrs H Loydall – Chair

Councillors: G Boulter, F Broadley, L Broadley, S Dickinson, Mrs J Gore, R  
Kanabar, J Kaufman, L Kaufman and K Loydall

Officers in Attendance: I Dobson, K Garcha and A Ward

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1.	<p><b><u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></b></p> <p>J Boyce, M Chamberlain, M Charlesworth, R Thakor</p>	ID
2.	<p><b><u>APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
3.	<p><b><u>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
4.	<p><b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>	ID
5.	<p><b><u>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</u></b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 20 March 2014, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.</p>	ID

6.	<p><b><u>TAXI FORUM – VERBAL UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman provided the Committee with an update about a taxi forum held prior to the Committee meeting, where it was noted that there was only three attendees.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>DEREGULATION BILL 2014</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 4 – 6 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer outlined some of the changes that would come into effect as a result of the new bill. The Committee heard that more detail would be available when the regulations have been commenced.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report be noted.</p>	
8.	<p><b><u>SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT POLICY</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 7 – 25 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>Members discussed the merits of requiring mobile collectors to display a plate so that residents can identify them more easily. The Licensing and Land Charges Officer explained that mobile operators are required to display a licence in the vehicle.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the licensing requirements and viability for a scrap metal collection service operated by the Council and a report was requested for a future meeting. It was mentioned that a previous report had been prepared for the collection of electrical goods which may provide further information for the Committee.</p> <p>Some Members of the Committee suggested that aspects of this matter would be more appropriately considered by the Waste Task Group.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Policy be adopted.</p>	

<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>SPECIAL TREATMENTS POLICY</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 26 – 48 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>In response to a question from a Member, the Licensing and Land Charges Officer confirmed that Environmental Health have a key role in ensuring that persons carrying on the business of Special Treatments are operating safely and that registrations would not be confirmed until practices are confirmed as satisfactory.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Policy be adopted.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS POLICY</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 49 – 66 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>Members discussed some of the commonly reported concerns in relation to charitable collections including the copious amount of house to house collection bags that are received in households and lack of compliance within ‘No Cold Calling Zones’.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer confirmed that the Policy seeks to regulate the frequency of house to house collections which should reduce the amount of collection bags that residents received. He confirmed that the Licensing Team would continue to work with Trading Standards where possible and recommended that breaches of the ‘No Cold Calling Zone’ are reported to them directly.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the Policy be adopted.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>LICENSING APPLICATIONS REPORT</u></b></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 67 – 71 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the report be noted.</p>	

**The Meeting Closed at 8:02 p.m.**