

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING & REGULATORY
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014, COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M.**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Mrs H Loydall – Chair
Councillor R Morris – Vice-Chair

Councillors: D Carter, R Eaton, Mrs J Gore, Mrs R Kanabar, J Kaufman
and K Loydall

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

Min Ref	Narrative	Officer Resp
28.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> G Boulter, L Broadley, F Broadley, M Chamberlain, R Thakor	ID
29.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> None.	
30.	<u>DECLARATIONS OF SUBSTITUTIONS</u> None.	ID
31.	<u>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</u> None.	ID
32.	<u>MINUTES</u> RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 3 October 2014, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.	ID
33.	<u>VERBAL UPDATE ON TAXI FORUM</u>	

	<p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer provided the Committee with an update about a taxi forum held prior to the Committee meeting, where it was noted that a more formal agenda had been produced to help focus discussion.</p> <p>The Chairman informed Members that the taxi forum meetings were helping to build a positive working relationship between the Corporate Resources (Licensing Team) and licensed drivers and operators.</p>	
<p>34.</p>	<p><u>HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 6 – 8 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer informed Members that standards of vehicles that have been tested have improved since the use of Leicester City Council testing station was approved in January 2013, the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy was adopted in July 2013 and the work carried out by the team.</p> <p>Councillor Kevin Loydall joined the meeting at 19:12.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer went on to say that there are still concerns about some operators and drivers purposefully avoiding spot checks by taking vehicles off the road when enforcement operations are taking place.</p> <p>He further stated that a report would be brought to the March committee on improved use of officer powers and alternative ways of carrying out enforcement operations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted.</p>	<p>AW</p>
<p>35.</p>	<p><u>LICENSING APPLICATIONS REPORT</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 9 – 15 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>RESOLVED: That the report be noted</p>	
<p>36.</p>	<p><u>SCRAP METAL DEALERS POLICY</u></p>	

	<p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 16 – 35 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer informed Members that the Policy would be kept under review, once it is adopted, and any significant issues would be brought back to the Committee to consider.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a progress report is brought to a future meeting, prior to the review of the Policy, setting out if the Policy is achieving its objectives.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the possibility of providing training to other local authorities or organisations as a means of increasing revenue. It was agreed that this be investigated.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Scrap Metal Dealers Policy be sent out for consultation.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>KG</p> <p>AW</p>
<p>37.</p>	<p><u>CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS POLICY</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Resources as set out in report pages 36 – 53 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.</p> <p>The Licensing and Land Charges Officer informed Members that the Policy would be kept under review, once it is adopted and any significant issues would be brought back to the Committee to consider.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a progress report is brought to a future meeting, prior to the review of the Policy, setting out if the Policy is achieving its objectives.</p> <p>The Committee raised concerns that regulations adopted by the Council prohibit children under the age of 16 from carrying out street collections. It was agreed that this be investigated, with a view to providing options to the Committee, and reported back.</p> <p><u>RESOLVED:</u> That the Charitable Collections Policy be sent out for consultation.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AW</p> <p>AW</p>

The Meeting Closed at 8:20 p.m.