



**LICENSING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2007 AT 5.00PM
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 3, SOUTHFIELDS, LOUGHBOROUGH**

To: Councillors Astill, Bava, Brown (Vice-chair), Capleton, Duffy, Gay, Green,
K. Jones, S. Jones, Jukes, Pacey (Chair), Popley, Radford,
Sutherland (Vice-chair) and Wise

All other members of the Council
(for information)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2007, which are enclosed with this agenda for members of the Committee.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

A. FUNCTIONS UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

4. LICENSING ACT 2003 – LIAISON MEETINGS BETWEEN THE COUNCIL, THE POLICE (AND TRADING STANDARDS)

This item is included as a standing item on the agenda to enable a summary of discussion at any liaison meetings which have taken place since the last meeting of the Committee to be reported (between Police Licensing Sergeants, the Council's Licensing Officers, a representative(s) of the Council's Environmental Health Service, the Chair and Vice-chairs of the Committee and, if possible, a representative(s) of Leicestershire Trading Standards). The meetings are aimed at improving working relationships and the sharing of information, particularly in respect of complaints relating to licensed premises and enforcement.

B. OTHER LICENSING MATTERS

5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE TAXI LICENSING – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO POLICY

A report of the Director of Partnerships and Customer Services on this matter is attached at page 3.

6. HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO METER SPECIFICATION

A report of the Director of Partnerships and Customer Services on this matter is attached at page 5.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee have been scheduled in every meeting cycle for 2007/08 to ensure that sufficient meetings are programmed, particularly in view of the new requirements in respect of gambling that will be coming into effect. The scheduled meetings will be cancelled if not needed, in a similar fashion to Regulatory Committee. All meetings are on a Tuesday and will commence at 5.00pm. The remaining meetings in 2007/08 are currently as follows:

23rd October 2007, 27th November 2007, 29th January 2008 and 11th March 2008.

However, the Chair has advised that he will have difficulty attending the meetings on 23rd October and 27th November 2007 and 29th January 2008. Therefore, the Committee is asked to consider combining the 23rd October and 27th November 2007 meetings into one meeting to be held on Wednesday, 7th November 2007 at 5.00pm. This should be sufficient in terms of frequency as Licensing Committees have only been set in each cycle on an “as needed” basis.

In respect of the 29th January 2008 meeting, the Committee is asked to move it to Tuesday, 19th February 2008 at 5.00pm. If it does so, it may wish to cancel the existing 11th March 2008 meeting given that it is only three weeks later.

The proposed changes to meeting dates are summarised as follows (all at 5.00pm):

Cancelled Meetings	New Meeting Dates
23rd October and 27th November 2007	7th November 2007 (Wednesday)
29th January and 11th March 2008	19th February 2008