

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 10.00 am
on Tuesday, 25 October 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor T Khan (Chair)
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor J Lepoidevin
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor R Thay (Deputy Chair)
Councillor S Walsh

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Beechey, M Coggins, S Elliott, M Fothergill, A Harwood

Resources: U Patel, A Wright

Apologies: Councillor A Andrews, G Crookes, B Kaur, D Kershaw,
T Mayer and C Thomas

Public Business

32. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

33. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 September 2016 were signed as a true record. The minutes of the Sub-Committee (Hearing) held on 22 September 2016 were also signed as a true record.

(Note: The minutes of the Sub-Committee (Hearing) held on 2 September 2016 were pulled at the meeting to allow them to be amended and resubmitted for confirmation at the next meeting.)

34. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business indicated below, on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information and that there would be no public interest in disclosing that information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

Minute No.	Subject	Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
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37	Illegal Tobacco Products	7
38	Non-compliance with a Formal Notice under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 – case 216016711	7
39	Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licences	1 and 3

35. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

36. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

37. Illegal Tobacco products

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under The Consumer Protection Act 1987 and the Trade Marks Act 1994 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged illegal tobacco products found at 4 Ways Fine Food, 177 Walsgrave Road, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director for Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

38. Non-compliance with a Formal Notice under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - case 216016711

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged non-compliance with a Formal Notice served under the above Act on the owner of 226 Swan Lane, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director for Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

39. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Executive Director of Place now submitted:

(a) The consideration of the application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Guled Hassan Elmi be deferred to the next scheduled meeting of Committee to allow him a further opportunity to attend the meeting in support his application.

(b) The application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Zahoor Hussain be granted.

(Note: Mr Z Hussain and his representative attended the meeting in support of his application).

(c) The application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Abad Mohammaadi be granted subject to a 3 month suspension.

(Note: Mr A Mohammaadi attended the meeting in support of his application).

(d) The application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence by Mr Saleem Masih Thapar be refused.

(Note: Mr S M Thapar and his legal representative attended the meeting in support of his application).

40. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of private business.

(Meeting closed at 12.20 pm)