

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 10.00 am
on Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor T Khan (Chair)
Councillor R Auluck
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor B Kaur
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor T Mayer
Councillor G Ridley
Councillor T Sawdon
Councillor R Thay (Deputy Chair)
Councillor C Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Beechey, M Coggins, A Harwood, M McHugh

Resources: U Patel, A Wright

In Attendance: E Miller (Work Experience, for items 55 to 62 only)

Apologies: Councillor D Gannon and Councillor Kershaw (retrospective)

Public Business

55. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

56. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20 December 2016 were signed as a true record.

57. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 1004(A) 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, 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
60	Non-compliance with a formal Notice under the	7

	Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 (216021839)	
61	Illegal Tobacco Products (1)	7
62	Illegal Tobacco Products (2)	7
63	Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences	1 and 3

58. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

59. 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 urgent public business.

60. Non-Compliance with a formal Notice under the Prevention of Damage by Pest Act 1949 (216021839)

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 the a formal Notice Served on the owner of 38 Allesley Old Road, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director of 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.

61. Illegal Tobacco Products (1)

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged illegal tobacco products sold at 117 Radford Road, Coventry.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Assistant Director of 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.

62. **Illegal Tobacco Products (2)**

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Executive Director of Place, the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Trade Marks Act 1994, the Consumer Rights Act 2015, the Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged illegal tobacco products sold at Morris, 108 Caludon Road, Coventry. Alleged Offender C be further prosecuted for obstructing officers during their investigations.

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.

63. **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 Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Keshavarz Riyazati be suspended for a period of three months.

(Notes: 1. Mr K Riyazati attended the meeting in support of his case
2. Councillor Crookes did not vote on this item as he was not present for the entire discussion).

(b) The application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's by Mr Gurcharan Singh be refused.

(Note: Mr G Singh attended the meeting in support of his application).

64. **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 urgent private business.

(Meeting closed at 12.55 pm)