

**Minutes of the Licensing Committee
of the Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Conference Room 1, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover
on Thursday 23 September 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Attendance:

Councillor A Hope (Chairman)	(P)	Councillor J N Anderdon (Vice-Chairman)	(A)
Councillor Mrs D Baverstock	(P)	Councillor Mrs M Kerley	(A)
Councillor C S Borg-Neal	(-)	Councillor P Lashbrook	(-)
Councillor P R Bundy	(P)	Councillor Mrs J Lovell	(A)
Councillor Mrs E Charnley	(P)	Councillor Mrs P Mutton	(P)
Councillor A G Dowden	(P)	Councillor Mrs A L Tupper	(A)
Councillor Mrs A F Dyde	(P)	Councillor Mrs J Whiteley	(P)
Councillor I Hibberd	(P)		

Also in attendance:

Councillor D Busk

Councillor N Whiteley

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Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committees held on 5 July and 6 August 2010 be received.

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Licensing Act 2003 – Statement of Licensing Policy

The Committee considered a report of the Head of Legal & Democratic Services which reviewed the Statement of Licensing Policy. The Licensing Manager explained that under the Licensing Act 2003 the policy must be reviewed and republished every 3 years. A consultation exercise was undertaken between June and August 2010 which attracted no comments.

The Licensing Manager informed the Committee that the revised Policy was largely unaltered from the current version. There were two changes to the Policy. Firstly the inclusion of a new paragraph regarding reviews of licences; secondly, the revision of the existing paragraph relating to proof of age to reflect the introduction from October 2010 of a mandatory licence condition which requires an age verification policy.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that all Councillors were now classed as interested parties and could now request a review of any premises in the Borough. The policy would be amended to reflect this change.

Recommended:

That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy published for consultation in June 2010 be recommended for approval by Council, subject to the revisions set out in this report and,

That the policy be effective for a three year period commencing 7 January 2011 subject to the policy being kept under review and the Council making such revisions to it at such times as it considers appropriate.

188 **Revocation of a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence**

Consideration was given to a report which informed the Committee that the Head of Administration had used his delegated powers to revoke a Private Hire Driver's Licence as a result of the driver being disqualified from driving for driving whilst uninsured.

The Licensing Manager explained that the matter was brought to Committee for information only, as Members had previously requested that they be informed of any occasions when refusals, suspensions and revocations occur.

The Committee noted that the driver could reapply for a licence at the end of his disqualification but the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy states that for applicants with a conviction for driving without insurance, the Council would normally expect there to be a period of at least two years from the date of conviction before an application would be accepted. The driver has been advised of this.

The Licensing Manager confirmed that all possible steps were taken to ensure that all Private Hire Drivers had valid insurance, but the onus was on the driver to adhere to the terms of their licence. He agreed to include an article on the matter in the next newsletter for the private hire and hackney carriage drivers.

Resolved:

That it be noted that the Head of Administration has revoked a Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

(Meeting terminated at 5.57 pm)