

Minutes of the **Licensing Committee**
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**
held in Council Chamber, Duttons Road, Romsey
on Tuesday 15 November 2011 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

Councillor A Hope (Chairman)	(A)	Councillor J N Anderdon (Vice-Chairman)	(P)
Councillor I Andersen	(A)	Councillor A Johnston	(A)
Councillor A Beesley	(P)	Councillor P Lashbrook	(A)
Councillor A Brook	(A)	Councillor N Long	(P)
Councillor J Budzynski	(P)	Councillor I Richards	(P)
Councillor M Cooper	(P)	Councillor A L Tupper	(P)
Councillor B Few Brown	(A)	Councillor J Whiteley	(P)
Councillor A Finlay	(A)		

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Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2011 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 27 September 2011 be received.

217 **Revision to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions**

The Licensing Manager presented the report and explained that the Licence conditions were last reviewed in 2008 and a review has been undertaken to ensure that the conditions remained relevant. Accordingly a number of revisions had been made, largely to ensure that the conditions remained clear, unambiguous and enforceable.

The Committee noted that public safety was paramount in the licensing regime that governed hackney carriages and their drivers and private hire vehicles, operators and drivers, whether it was to prevent direct danger to the passenger from the driver of the vehicle or a slightly less direct danger to the passenger and other members of society from the vehicle itself or the way the vehicle was driven. Officers believed that the revised conditions proposed in the report will ensure the continued provision of a safe, efficient and reliable service to the community. The proposals were therefore endorsed.

A Member mentioned that he had received information that private hire vehicles were plying for hire illegally in the town centre, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Licensing Manager responded that he did take such breaches of the licensing regulations seriously but could not take enforcement action against the perpetrators without evidence. He required details of the time, location and vehicle details, preferably the registration number or the license number.

Resolved:

That the revised Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions as set out in Annex 1 attached to the report be approved and adopted with effect from 1 January 2012.

(Meeting terminated at 5.52 pm)