

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING COMMITTEE held at Surrey
Heath House, Camberley on
19th September 2007**

+ Cllr David Hamilton - Chairman
+ Cllr Stuart MacLeod - Vice-Chairman

+ Cllr Rodney Bates	+ Cllr Paul Ilnicki
+ Cllr Bill Chapman	+ Cllr Bruce Mansell
+ Cllr Mrs Vivienne Chapman	+ Cllr Wynne Price
+ Cllr Mike Drew	+ Cllr Audrey Roxburgh
+ Cllr Craig Fennell	- Cllr Bryan Ward
+ Cllr Surinder Gandhum	- Cllr David Whitcroft
- Cllr Liane Gibson	

+ Present
- Apologies for absence presented

006/L MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2007 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

PART I
(public)

007/L HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANKS IN CAMBERLEY TOWN CENTRE

The Committee considered a report on proposals to remove hackney carriage stands in Camberley to facilitate the development of the Atrium west of the town centre. Following a review of the existing provision, alternative locations had been identified to replace those spaces which would be lost. It was noted that the number of locations which were available for taxi stands in the town centre was very limited.

Two of the existing ranks were affected by the highway works being undertaken in connection with the Atrium development and the pedestrianisation of Park Street. These were the 4 space stand on the east side of Park Street (outside the Main Square entrance by Primark) and the 2 space stand on the north side of Princess Way West. It was proposed to replace those spaces which would be lost by providing two new stands for two taxis on the west side of Albert Road and the south side of Princess Way West and by extending by two spaces the existing hackney carriage stand on the south side of Pembroke Broadway outside the railway station. If possible, a short term temporary taxi rank would be provided on Park Street subject to there being no disruption to works in that road.

It was noted that it was proposed in the longer term to provide a taxi rank in Charles Street in the vicinity of the proposed new cinema complex, to serve the west of the town centre.

These proposals had been advertised using the urgency action procedure (minute 009/L refers) and all the taxi proprietors had been informed of the proposals. No representations had been received. Once confirmed, the marking out of the

stands could commence. The Committee was advised that it was anticipated that the cost of implementing the proposals would be met from development costs, and would not need to be borne by the Council.

RESOLVED, That, in respect of the provision of hackney carriage stands in Camberley,

- (i) the hackney carriage stand situated on the east side of Park Street outside the Main Square entrance by Primark be revoked;**
- (ii) the hackney carriage stand located on the north side of Princess Way West be relocated to the southern side of that road;**
- (iii) the existing hackney carriage stand on the southern side of Pembroke Broadway outside the railway station and immediately west of the pedestrian crossing be extended to increase the number of spaces from two to four;**
- (iv) a new stand for two taxis be provided on the west side of Albert Road immediately after the main entrance to the multi-storey car park and before the junction with Princess Way; and**
- (v) interim arrangements be made, if possible, to provide a short term temporary taxi rank on Park Street, subject to there being no disruption to works being undertaken on that road.**

008/L ADVERTISING ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Committee reviewed the Council's policy which currently prohibited by condition on licences of all hackney carriage and private hire vehicles the display of any commercial advertising on the vehicle.

Under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council was permitted to place conditions on vehicles in relation to the design or appearance and the prohibition or display of signs on or from vehicles. Some councils, primarily those covering larger cities and towns, had required vehicles to be of a particular make or colour or had specified customised roof signs which enabled the public to recognise these vehicles more readily. There would be the opportunity, if advertising on vehicles were permitted, for proprietors to receive some additional income, or payment in kind. In this Borough, however, most hackney carriage proprietors supplemented their income by undertaking contract work with businesses in the area.

Members considered that the relaxation of the condition relating to commercial advertising on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles would be detrimental to the visual environment of the Borough, for which residents had a high regard.

RESOLVED, That the Council's policy of imposing a condition on licences of all hackney carriage and private hire vehicles to prohibit the display of any commercial advertising on the vehicle be retained.

009/L URGENT ACTION

Members were informed that, since the last meeting, two matters had been dealt with by officers, after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, under delegated authority as the matters were considered to be urgent.

The first matter had related to the extension of the period within which a hearing to consider representations against an application for a personal licence had to be held to ensure all parties to the hearing had the opportunity to be legally represented and to ensure that the application was the subject of a fair and impartial hearing.

The second matter related to the advertisement of proposals for the provision of taxi ranks following a review and [in the light](#) of the new Atrium development in Camberley (minute 007/L refers).

010/L LICENSING ACT 2003 – SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

The Committee received, in accordance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, a report on decisions relating to licence applications which had been taken by officers since the last meeting and a summary of the decisions taken by the Adjudication Sub-Committee.

Members noted the number of temporary event notices, premises licenses, club certificates and personal licenses approved by the Head of Legal and Corporate Services and the Licensing Manager under their delegated authority.

The Committee noted that three Adjudication Sub-Committee hearings had been held since its last meeting.

CHAIRMAN