

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5  
SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Present:** Councillor Parvin (Chairman), and  
Councillors Barned, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gooch,  
Mrs Grigg, Mrs Joy, B Mortimer, Naghi, Mrs Parvin,  
Springett and Yates

**Also Present:** Councillor Cuming

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs Hinder.

29. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

The following substitution was noted:-

Councillor Springett for Councillor Mrs Hinder

30. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

Councillor Cuming was in attendance.

31. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

32. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

33. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the items on Part II of the Agenda be taken in private as proposed.

34. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

35. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE ISSUES (IF ANY)

There were no issues to be discussed.

36. LAW COMMISSION CONSULTATION PAPER ON REFORMING THE LAW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE SERVICES

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding the proposed response to the Law Commission consultation paper on reforming the law of taxi and private hire services.

Members requested that Question 27 be amended to reflect the fact that they would wish to see topographical tests for private hire drivers continued as they felt it was important to private hire drivers to have a high level of topography knowledge.

RESOLVED: That the draft responses, as set out in the Appendix to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, be approved for submission to the Law Commission in response to the consultation paper on reforming the law of taxi and private hire services, subject to the response to Question 27 being amended to reflect the fact that they would wish to see topographical tests for private hire drivers continued as they felt it was important to private hire drivers to have a high level of topography knowledge.

37. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reasons specified, having applied the Public Interest Test:-

**Head of Schedule 12A  
and Brief Description**

Minutes (Part II) of the Meeting held on Monday 30 July 2012

3 = Financial/Business Affairs

38. MINUTES (PART II)

RESOLVED: That the Minutes (Part II) of the Meeting held on 30 July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

39. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.10 p.m.