

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 OCTOBER 2013

Present: Councillor Parvin (Chairman), and
Councillors Barned, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Grigg,
Mrs Hinder, Mrs Joy, B Mortimer, Naghi, Newton,
Mrs Parvin and Yates

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

31. NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

There were no Substitute Members.

32. NOTIFICATION OF VISITING MEMBERS

There were no Visiting Members.

33. DISCLOSURES BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no disclosures by Members or Officers.

34. DISCLOSURES OF LOBBYING

There were no disclosures of lobbying.

35. EXEMPT ITEMS

RESOLVED: That the Items on the Agenda be taken in public as proposed.

36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2013

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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

It was raised by a Member that it had been noticed that there did not appear to be enough hackney carriage bays in King Street as the taxis were parking on double yellow lines.

RESOLVED: That Officers investigate the possibility of increasing the number of hackney carriage bays in King Street with Kent County Council.

38. LETTER FROM A2Z LICENSING

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services regarding the outcome of investigation of the matters raised in a letter received on 21 June 2013 from A2Z Licensing in relation to the Unmet Demand Survey and the current position following further matters raised in a letter, from the same party, on 29 August 2013.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the results of the investigation of the issues raised by A2Z Licensing in their letter of 21 June 2013, as set out in the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services, be noted;
- b) That it be noted the further issues raised by A2Z Licensing in their letter of 29 August 2013 are the subject of on-going research; and
- c) That a further report be brought to the next meeting on 14 November 2013.

39. NEW SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT 2013

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services regarding the new provisions for licensing scrap metal dealers and the related fee levels.

Members were informed of an amendment to the proposed fees and, in response to a question from a Member, that there were currently 3 Sites and 22 Collectors registered.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report be noted; and
- b) That the fees, as set out below, be agreed:-

Site Licence – Grant (3 years) £480.00
Renewal (3 years) £410.00
Collectors Licence (3 years) £320.00

40. OPERATIONAL CHANGES WITH REGARD TO DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE ("DBS") CHECKS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services in relation to recent changes made to the DBS checking services (previously known as CRB checks) and the impact on procedures for licensing drivers at Maidstone Borough Council.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

41. LOCAL CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS DEALING WITH LICENSING MATTERS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services regarding changes to the Code of Conduct for dealing with Licensing Matters following the introduction of the new standards regime on 5 July 2012.

RESOLVED: That the revised Licensing Code, as attached at Appendix B to the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services, be agreed and the Council's Constitution amended accordingly.

42. LICENSING PARTNERSHIP

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Housing and Community Services outlining the performance of the Licensing Partnership for the financial year 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

43. DURATION OF MEETING

6.30 p.m. to 7.10 p.m.