



Leicester
City Council

**MINUTE
EXTRACT**

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 10 APRIL 2008 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Mugglestone – Chair
Councillor J. Blackmore – Vice Chair

Councillor Bajaj
Councillor Follett
Councillor Newcombe

Councillor Dawood
Councillor Naylor
Councillor Suleman

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142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applied to them.

Councillor Newcombe declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report 'Petition – Loss of 10/11 (Inner Circle) Bus Service' as he worked for the company that provided the service. He undertook to leave the meeting for discussion of this item.

158. CONTROL OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF FREE PRINTED MATTER

The Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture submits a report outlining proposals to make an order to designate land within the inner ring road as an area which consent is required to distribute free printed matter.

Members of the Board noted that it would be difficult to enforce this order during Diwali on Belgrave Road.

Members of the Board noted that this was a problem, particularly in the city centre at the weekends and were supportive of the proposals to address it. It was noted that entertainment venues caused the majority of the problems.

A comment was made with regard to number 4. of the Conditions of Consents Granted under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 3A – Environmental Protection Act 1990. This related the consent holder clearing litter, within a hundred metres, caused by the material that they have been distributing. It was generally felt that this would be difficult to enforce. The Head of Licensing and Pollution Control agreed that it would be difficult to enforce, but it was likely that where a problem with litter emerged further consents would not be approved.

A suggestion was made that Braunstone Gate be included in the area covered by the order. This was generally felt to be a good idea. A further suggestion was made to include Narborough Road, but it was felt wouldn't be workable at the current time. The Head of Licensing and Pollution Control commented that Braunstone Gate could be included if members had evidence that a problem existed.

A further comment was made with regard to small businesses. It was felt that this order would prevent small businesses from being able to promote themselves. The costs of applying for consent would also be prohibitive. The Head of Licensing and Pollution Control said that small businesses could approach the Licensing Committee to make a special case. The member further commented that this wasn't satisfactory and still created difficulties for small businesses and felt that this needed further consideration.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the Cabinet consider the inclusion of Braunstone Gate in the area covered by the order; and
- (2) that the Cabinet give further consideration to the potential difficulties of small businesses promoting themselves if they weren't able to circulate flyers due to prohibitive restrictions.