

Minutes of the Meeting of the LICENSING COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2006 at 5.30pm

## <u>PRESENT:</u>

<u>Councillor Henry - Chair</u> <u>Councillor Thomas – Vice-Chair</u>

Councillor Allen Councillor Nurse Councillor Smith Councillor J VIncent Councillor Almey Councillor Porter Councillor Sood Councillor Wann

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## 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act applied to them. No such declarations were made.

## 7. PROGRESS ON REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE CONDITIONS OF FITNESS

The Service Director, Community Protection and Well Being, submitted a report on progress with the review of the City Council's Conditions of Fitness for Hackney Carriages. Liz Eccles from Halpro gave a presentation on consultation that had been carried out on the issue which included the nature of the consultation, its findings, draft revised conditions and future consultation on the draft conditions.

The Chair invited representatives from the Hackney Carriage trade to the table to take part in the discussion. They stated that they welcomed the consultation and its findings and gave their support to the draft revised conditions.

Members noted that the preferred method of hackney carriage identification highlighted by the public consultation was by colour and suggested that this be considered in more detail at the next stage. A previous decision of the Committee that hackney carriages should be black with the Council's crest was highlighted and the Committee stated that they still supported this view.

**RESOLVED**:

That the Committee

- 1) Note the progress with the review of conditions of fitness for hackney carriages.
- 2) Express their support of the draft revised conditions.
- 3) Express their continued view that all hackney carriages should be black and display the City Council's crest.