

## Minutes

### Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	4 February 2013
Present:	Councillors K Ellis (Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, D Peart (for Mrs P Mackay), Mrs S Ryder, and J Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors, Mrs P Mackay (substitute D Peart), R Sayner and R Sweeting.
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

#### **42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **43. MINUTES**

It was agreed that the grammatical error in paragraph two of item 36 should be amended to read as following:

- **The Committee then discussed the matter and considered their decision on whether the applicant was a ‘fit and proper’ person to hold a Private Hire Driver’s Licence.**

It was agreed that the grammatical error in the title of item 37 should be amended to read as following:

- **ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER**

It was agreed that the grammatical error in the title of item 38 should be amended to read as following:

- **ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Committee receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee on 7 January 2013 with the above amendments and that they be signed by the Chair.**

**44. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer reported that an appellant who had previously appeared before the Licensing Committee had appealed against the two months suspension imposed by the Committee at a hearing before Selby Magistrates Court on 24 January 2013. The Committee were informed that the decision of the Magistrates was to reduce the suspension to one calendar month.

The Senior Enforcement Officer requested that the next Licensing Committee be rescheduled from 4 March to 18 March due to administrative reasons. It was agreed that the meeting would be moved.

**45. GAMBLING POLICY**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/12/17** which requested that the Gambling Policy submitted for consideration, be approved by the Committee.

A query was raised that the information relating to betting machines was repeated in different sections in the policy. The Senior Enforcement Officer stated that the information was related to the different sections and if people looked at a specific section in the policy then they would see the information more readily.

Concern was raised that there was no safeguarding in place for vulnerable people. The Senior Enforcement Officer stated that all premises were visited for inspection by the Gambling Commission and on occasion, officers from the Licensing Authority.

An error was pointed out at page 17 of the report as the phrase "preventing them from being in close proximity to gambling" was repeated and the Senior Enforcement Officer agreed to look further at this item and amend it where necessary.

**RESOLVED:**

- i) That the Committee receive and note Report L/12/17.**
- ii) That the Committee recommend the Gambling Policy for APPROVAL subject to the amendment on page 17 outlined above.**

The meeting closed at 10.30am