

**LICENSING COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD  
SAFFRON WALDEN at 6.30 pm on 3 MARCH 2004**

Present:- Councillor M J Savage – Chairman.  
Councillors K R Artus, H D Baker, B M Hughes, V J T Lelliott,  
A Marchant and J P Murphy.

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy, J Harrison, C Oliva, C Roberts, R Secker  
and A Turner.

**LC29 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Dean and  
E W Hicks.

**LC30 NEW PLANNING AND LITIGATION SOLICITOR**

The Chairman welcomed Christine Oliva, the new Planning and Litigation  
Solicitor, to the meeting.

**LC31 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD ON  
14 JANUARY 2004**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 14 January  
2004 were received and approved as a correct record.

**LC32 MATTERS ARISING**

**Minute LC24 – Liaison with taxi associations**

The Head of Environmental Services informed the meeting that the Uttlesford  
Taxi Drivers' Association, now re-named the Uttlesford Licensed Drivers'  
Association had deposited a copy of their constitution and elected officers.  
Members requested that the Uttlesford Hackney Carriage Drivers' Association  
be required to provide the same information.

**LC33 UPDATE ON LIAISON MEETING WITH UTTLESFORD TAXI DRIVERS  
ASSOCIATIONS**

The Head of Environmental Services suggested that in view of the number of  
interested associations of drivers, it might be helpful to restrict the number of  
drivers invited to the Liaison Meeting.

RESOLVED that each association be limited to sending up to three  
representatives to the Liaison Meeting.

**LC34 APPEALS AGAINST THE COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS**

The Solicitor informed the meeting that no appeals had been lodged.

**LC35 EXTERNAL VEHICLE SIGNAGE**

The Committee received a detailed report by the Head of Environmental Services about licensed vehicles carrying external third party advertising and about "pre-booked only" signs for private hire vehicles.

The Head of Environmental Services added that no driver had requested internal advertising in their car although this was allowed. He also informed the Committee that drivers were permitted to display their own company name/logo anywhere on the vehicle.

Members discussed whether conditions should be placed on any permission given, other than a restriction on the content of the advertising. The Chairman emphasised that the Committee's role was a quasi-judicial one, to licence operators and drivers rather than to exert general control over them.

RESOLVED that

- 1 drivers be permitted to place external third party advertisements on the two front door panels of their licensed vehicles, subject to prior approval from the Head of Environmental Services.
- 2 an item on the advantages of using each type of licensed vehicle be placed in the Council's newspaper.
- 3 no further action to be taken on "pre-booked only" signs as a warning notice will be inserted in the next "Taxi Chat" newsletter warning private hire drivers of possible revocation of their licence if this condition is breached.

**LC36 UPDATE ON LIQUOR LICENSING**

The Head of Environmental Services explained the progress of the relevant legislation and circulated literature from the Justices Clerks' Society and Magistrates' Association and copies of the Council's second Licensing Newsletter.

It was agreed that the Licensing Officer, Mr Sparrow, be invited to speak to the Committee at its meeting on 9 June 2004 and that subsequent presentations by a licensed victualler and by a magistrate be arranged. It was noted that the planned Members training had been put back to June/July 2004.

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**DETERMINATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mahoney, the Applicant's prospective employer, who informed the meeting that the Applicant was unable to be present due to the absence of her babysitter, and invited the Committee to determine the case in her absence. The Solicitor advised that whilst the Committee could proceed with the case, it was open to them to adjourn if they considered that they needed the Applicant to be present in order to determine the matter.

RESOLVED that this case be adjourned to a date to be fixed.

The meeting ended at 7.17pm.