

## NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

6 June 2016

Present: Councillor Jenns in the Chair

Councillors Clews, Henney, Jarvis, Lewis, Smitten, E Stanley and A Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N Dirveiks, Hanratty, Ingram, Morson and Moss

#### 1 **Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

Councillor Clews declared a pecuniary interest in Minute No 5 – Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 – Review of Fees for Home Boarding, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion thereon.

#### 2 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 January 2016, copies having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 3 **Mandatory Safeguarding Training for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought the Committee's agreement to introduce a mandatory course on the subject of safeguarding training for all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers licensed by the Council. A revised recommendation was circulated at the meeting.

#### **Recommended:**

**That the Council adopts as policy that all existing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers must have undertaken a safeguarding training course approved by the Council by 1 October 2016, and from that date all new applicants will be required to complete this course prior to becoming licensed.**

4 **Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Taxi Licensing – Policy Document and Guidance Relating to the Definition of ‘Fit and Proper’ Persons**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council asked the Committee to consider recommending the adoption of a policy relating to the definition of ‘fit and proper’ persons to hold a hackney carriage or private hire drivers licence or a private hire operators licence.

**Resolved:**

- a **That the inclusion of the Mandatory Safeguarding Training for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers in the policy document and guidance relating to the definition of ‘Fit and Proper’ Persons be agreed; and**
- b **That the changes suggested by Members to the ‘minimum periods free from conviction’, contained within Appendix A to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, be consulted upon and a further report be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee for consideration.**

5 **Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 – Review of Fees for Home Boarding**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council asked the Committee to consider adopting a revised scale of fees in respect of home boarding establishments.

**Resolved:**

**That the revised fee structure for the grant of an animal boarding licence to home boarders, at set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council, be agreed.**

6 **Adoption of Model Conditions in Respect of Licenses for Animal Establishments**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council sought adoption of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH) model licence conditions in respect of animal boarding establishments, dog breeding establishments and pet shops.

**Resolved:**

**That, as a condition of animal boarding, dog breeding and pet shop licences issued by the Council, the premises must always comply with the current model licence conditions of the Chartered Institute of Environment Health (CIEH).**

**7 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Byelaws for Cosmetic Piercing and Semi-Permanent Skin Colouring**

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council detailed the proposal for acceptance by the Council of two new sets of byelaws for cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring.

**Resolved:**

- a That the model byelaws for cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring be adopted; and**
- b That the existing fee for ear piercing be adopted and applied for cosmetic piercing and semi-permanent skin colouring and the fee be subject to a yearly review.**

A Jenns  
CHAIRMAN