

Minutes of the meeting of the LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE held at 9.30am on Tuesday, 26 June 2012 at the Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton

Present

Councillor R A Baker (In the Chair)

Councillor	D M Blades	Councillor	J Noone
	S P Dickins		Mrs I Sanderson
	Mrs F M Greenwell		Mrs S A Shepherd
	K G Hardisty		

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C A Les and A Robinson)

LEP.3

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report introduced the revised Environmental Permitting Enforcement Policy for use when enforcement of industrial installations was required.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (EP Regulations).

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve and adopt the revised Environmental Permitting Enforcement Policy.

LEP.4

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES ENFORCEMENT POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report introduced the Residential Services Enforcement Policy for use when enforcement of issues relating to the protection of the environment is required.

Alternative options considered:

The Committee requested the title to be changed to the Domestic Services Enforcement Policy.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with The Regulators' Compliance Code: The statutory code of practice for regulators which was published by the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform in December 2007.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to approve and adopt the Domestic Services Enforcement Policy.

LEP.5

AMENDMENT TO STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report outlined the impact of changes to the Licensing Act 2003 and the consequent amendments needed to the current Statement of Licensing Policy.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of changes to the Licensing Act 2003.

THE DECISION:

That Council be recommended to:-

- (1) approve the post of Environmental Health Team Leader to undertake the functions of the Responsible Authority on behalf of the Council as Licensing Authority; and
- (2) adopted the revised Statement of Licensing Policy when appropriate.

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Chairman of the Committee

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LEP.6

MINUTES

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 November 2011 and 15 May 2012 (LEP.10 - LEP.15) and (LEP.1 – LEP.2), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

LEP.7

FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2012/2013 AND FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT SAMPLING POLICY

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report demonstrated that food safety services and their enforcement within Hambleton were properly organised in order to minimise the risk of food poisoning or harm to consumers within Hambleton and beyond.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The Plan was required to comply with the requirements of the Food Standards Agency and the Regulators' Compliance Code in relation to the development of food enforcement services and their implementation.

THE DECISION:

That the Food Service Plan 2012-2013 and the Food and Environment Sampling Policy be approved.

LEP.8

HEALTH AND SAFETY INTERVENTION PLAN 2012/2013

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided information on the overall service objectives, an outline of the Health and Safety service purpose and how the health and safety function related to other parts of the service.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

This Health & Safety Intervention Plan provided in detail the service priorities and the aims and objectives for the enforcement of health and safety, which met the requirements of Section 18 Standard published by the Health & Safety Executive.

THE DECISION:

That the Health and Safety Intervention Plan 2011-2013 be approved.

LEP.9

AMENDMENT TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENSING CONDITIONS

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report requested a minor amendment be made to the Conditions of licence for Hackney Carriage Drivers' licences.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To clarify the situation regarding the disclosure of criminal records.

THE DECISION:

That paragraph 13 of Annex 7 (Conditions of Licence) in the Vehicle Driver Licensing Policy be amended by adding the following sentence after the existing paragraph:-

“As the acceptance of a Simple Caution involves an admission of guilt, they should be disclosed and may be taken into consideration by Licensing officers as if they were convictions.”

LEP.10

REFORMING THE LAW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report seeks consideration of the recently published Law Commission consultation on reforming law related to the taxi trade.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To respond to consultation.

THE DECISION:

That a draft response to the Law Commission's consultation be prepared by the Licensing Team and agreed with the Chairman of the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee prior to submission to the Law Commission.

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Chairman of the Committee