

**MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at :
The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford on Tuesday, 22 April 2008 at 2.00 p.m.**

Present: Councillor P Jones CBE (Chairman)
Councillor JW Hope MBE (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, DJ Benjamin, PGH Cutter, JHR Goodwin,
R Mills, A Seldon and DC Taylor

In attendance: Councillors BA Durkin and RH Smith

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors ME Cooper and SPA Daniels.

118. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

120. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings held on 9th April, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to The name of councillor R Mills.

121. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee noted the procedural arrangements for hearing appeals to ensure that the laws of natural justice were followed to give a fair hearing to the applicants and to the Licensing Officers.

122. NEW APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE OUTSIDE STANDARD CONDITION 1.1 BY WILLIAM ROBERT PARFITT

A report was presented by the Licensing Officer about an application for a hackney carriage vehicle licence by Mr WR Parfitt. He explained that the licence had expired on 31 March 2008 and that Mr Parfitt had applied to renew it on 2 April. The Council's licensing conditions stipulated that applications received after the date of expiry would be treated as new applications and that the appropriate conditions and fees would apply. In the light of this, the licence had not been renewed and the matter instead had been referred to the Committee for determination. Mr Parfitt explained the particular personal circumstances which had prevented him from renewing his licence. He also said that when he had attempted to renew his licence, he had found that the Licensing Office was only open two days per week instead of five and he felt that this had exacerbated the situation because he had not been able to renew on time.

Having considered all the circumstances regarding the application, the Committee accepted Mr Parfitt's explanation of the situation and decided that the application for renewal of the licence could be granted.

RESOLVED THAT:

an application from Mr WR Parfitt to deviate from the standard condition number 1.1, for a new application for a hackney carriage vehicle licence, be granted.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered.

RESOLVED: that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below.

This item discloses information relating to any particular applicant for or recipient of or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority.

123. BUILDING AT MUCH MARCLE - MEASURES TO SECURE THE PROPER PRESERVATION OF A GRADE 1 LISTED BUILDING USING A REPAIRS NOTICE AND COMPULSORY ACQUISITION POWERS

Following a recommendation by the Conservation Manager, the Committee authorised the serving of a Repairs Notice under Section 48 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 on the owner of a Grade 1 listed building at Much Marcle to ensure its preservation. If the owners fail to comply with the Notice, the building will be acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State. The building will then be disposed of to a third party who is willing to carry out the work required by the Repairs Notice and to reimburse the Council for its costs in acquiring it.

The meeting ended at 2.30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN