

MEETING:	REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE:	5 JULY 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	PROGRESS OF REGULATORY MATTERS
PORTFOLIO:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LAW, GOVERNANCE & RESILIANCE

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To note the main activities of those involved in regulatory matters since the introduction of changes to the Constitution on 1st February, 2011.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Changes to the Constitution approved by Council on 19th October 2010 came into effect on 1st February, 2011.
2. The changes also included the introduction of an officer panel (Taxi & County Transport Badge Officers Panel) which is comprised of officers from licensing, the legal team and safeguarding. The Panel considers applications for, or revocations of, hackney carriage/private hire drivers' licences; the suspension of driver licences; and applications for county transport badges.
3. As part of the new approach, the Committee has also decided that the Regulatory Sub-Committee, in addition to its existing duties under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act, 2005, will deal with the following matters:
 - hear appeals arising from the Officer Panel refusing to grant applications for taxi driver licences; suspending driver licenses or recommending that driver licenses be revoked; and
 - certain footpath and bridleway diversion applications.

ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICER PANEL

4. The Officers Panel has met on two occasions and dealt with the following matters:
- applications for a County Transport Badge refused – 1
 - applications for a County Transport Badge granted – 2; and
 - applications for hackney carriage/private hire drivers granted – 2 (1 subject to suitable references).

REGULATORY SUB-COMMITTEE

4. The Sub-Committee has met on eight occasions since the new arrangements came into effect and has dealt with the matters referred to it as follows:

(a) 20th April 2011

- preliminary points to consider regarding 'Big Chill Festival', Eastnor Castle, Deer Park, Ledbury
- application for a new premises licence 'Big Chill Festival', Eastnor Castle, Deer Park, Ledbury

(b) 26th April 2011

- Highways Act 1980, Section 119 – footpath diversion order ZC123 (part), Leominster
- Highways Act 1980, Section 119 – footpath diversion order GR26 (Part), Goodrich
- application for variation of a premises licence Malthurst Northside Service Station, Hereford Road, Hope Under Dinmore
- application for the grant of a licensed premises gaming machine permit for 4 machines, in respect of The Duke's Head, Corn Square, Leominster
- suspension notice served on a hackney carriage/private hire driver

(c) 13th May 2011

- application for a review of the premises licence The Prince Of Wales, Church Lane, Ledbury
- application for a review of the premises licence The Bell Inn, 39 Etnam Street, Leominster
- application for a review of the premises licence The Man Of Ross, Wye Street, Ross-On-Wye

(d) 25th May 2011

- application for an expedited review Raduni Indian Cuisine, 66 The Homend, Ledbury

(e) 31st May 2011

- representations against interim steps - expedited review Raduni Indian Cuisine, 66 The Homend, Ledbury

(f) 17th June 2011

- full review Raduni Indian Cuisine, 66 The Homend, Ledbury
- application for variation of premises licence Mcdonalds Restaurant, Belmont Road, Hereford

(g) 23rd June 2011

- application for a premises licence Beer On The Wye (2011), Hereford Rowing Club, Greyfriars Avenue, Hereford

(h) 28th June 2011

- Highways Act 1980, Section 119 – footpath diversion orders MB16 (part) and MB18 (part) Much Birch
- Highways Act 1980, Section 119 – footpath diversion order ET2 (part), Elton
- Highways Act 1980, Section 119 – footpath diversion order LG49 (part) Llangarron
- application to re-instate an expired hackney carriage vehicle licence
- application for variation of premises licence Shooter's Bar Grafton House, Leominster
- application for a motor salvage operators licence

BACKGROUND PAPERS Agenda papers from Council and the Regulatory Sub-Committee.