

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

LICENSING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **18 NOVEMBER 2002** at the

Council House from 11.05 am to 2.05 pm

Councillor Cresswell (Chair)
Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Casson
Councillor Greensmith
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Mittenshaw-Hodge

- indicates present at meeting

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to insertion of the word “Acting” before the word “Director” in resolution (4) of minute 38, the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2002, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

43 LICENSING OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE MOTORCYCLES, DRIVERS AND OPERATORS

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services, copies of which had been circulated.

The committee met to determine whether motorcycles, their riders and operators should be licensed for private hire work on the same basis as existing Private Hire Vehicles. Mr J Mortell, Team Leader (Taxi Licensing), Development and Environmental Services Department, presented the report. Also in attendance were Mr C Dale and Ms C Doyle, partners in Chauffeur Bikes Ltd, prospective applicants for an operators licence should the committee determine in principle that motorcycles were suitable vehicles to be licensed as private hire vehicles.

An example of the type of motorcycle that Chauffeur Bikes would like to have licensed as a private hire vehicle was inspected by the committee. Mr Mortell, Mr Dale and Ms Doyle having made their submissions and been available for questioning, withdrew.

In reaching its decision, the committee had regard to:-

- (a) the existing vehicle specification for Private Hire Vehicles and current policies and practices in relation to their licensing;

- (b) submissions by Mr Dale and Ms Doyle regarding the proposals, evidence of similar operations in London and indications as to how their company may operate if they were licensed;
- (c) submissions by the Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services regarding the proposals.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the current specification for Private Hire Vehicles be amended to include the following specification for motorcycles:-**

“SPECIFICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE MOTORCYCLES

General

- (a) **The engine will have a minimum capacity of 1,000 cc.**
 - (b) **A separate lockable unit shall be supplied for the storage of any small items for passengers.**
 - (c) **No wheeled attachment shall be secured to a private hire motorcycle.**
 - (d) **The final engine drive shall be by enclosed shaft.**
 - (e) **The motorcycle shall have a minimum ground clearance of not less than 120 mm.**
 - (f) **Tyres shall be maintained so that there is not less than 2 mm of tread at any point on the tyre.**
 - (g) **The motorcycle shall not have a wheel base in excess of 1760 mm.**
 - (h) **The motorcycle shall carry a first aid kit.”**
- (2) **that determination of applications to licence motorcycles, their riders or operators for private hire work, together with any conditions or special conditions to be attached to such licences, be reserved to this committee;**
 - (3) **that the fee payable for a Private Hire Vehicle Motorcycle Licence shall be the same as that for any other Private Hire Vehicle;**
 - (4) **that licences relating to motorcycles be valid for a period of six months irrespective of the age of the motorcycle;**
 - (5) **that no motorcycle over the age of three years from the date of its initial registration, or five years if the motorcycle be in exceptional condition, shall be licensed as a Private Hire Motorcycle;**
 - (6) **that no motorcycle over ten years of age shall be licensed as a Private Hire Motorcycle;**

- (7) **That the Assistant Director of Development and Environmental Services (Public Protection) be asked to give further consideration to the issue of whether an “in house” driving assessment could be provided for motor cycle private hire drivers so as to ensure conformity with the requirements imposed on other private hire drivers.**

Councillor Mittenshaw-Hodge requested that his vote, dissenting from resolution (1) above, be recorded.

**44 SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE –
18 CARRINGTON STREET, NOTTINGHAM**

Further to minute 28 of the Environment (Licensing) Sub-committee dated 3 August 1994 and minute 30 of this Committee, dated 26 July 2002, consideration was given to a report of the Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services, copies of which had been circulated. Mr T Coulson, Service Manager (Food and Licensing), Development and Environmental Services Department, presented the report.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that removal of Special Conditions 7,8 and 9 attached to the Sex Establishment Licence granted by the Committee in respect of premises at 18 Carrington Street, be noted;**
- (2) **that the Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services submit a further report on how he intends to carry out the consultation processes with elected members in exercising his delegated powers in the future.**

**45 ANTICIPATED REFORM OF LIQUOR, ENTERTAINMENT
AND OTHER LICENSING LEGISLATION**

Consideration was given to a report of the Acting Director of Development and Environmental Services, copies of which had been circulated.

Mr T Coulson, Service Manager (Food and Licensing), Development and Environmental Services Department, presented the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and officers continue to submit reports on proposals and implications for the City Council arising from legislation as and when necessary.