CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on 23 OCTOBER 2006 at the

Council House from 10.00 am to 10.30 am

Councillor Cresswell (Chair)
Councillor Grocock (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Clarke-Smith Councillor Foster

Councillor Ibrahim

Councillor James

Councillor G Khan

Councillor Morris
Councillor Packer

Councillor Smith

indicates present at meeting

Officers in attendance

Mr J Mortell	-	Licensing)	City Development
Ms T Bestwick Mr J Pickstone Miss L Wilson	- - -	Legal Services Legal Services Committee Administration)	Corporate Services

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Foster and Ibrahim.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

17 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 August 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

18 <u>DELEGATION OF POWERS TO OFFICERS – INSPECTION AND OTHER</u> ENFORCEMENT ACTION – TAXI LICENSING

Consideration was given to a report of the Lead Services Director, City Development, copies of which had been circulated, requesting the approval of delegation of powers to deal with matters arising from enforcement activities in respect of taxi licensing to the Senior Enforcement Officer in the absence of the Team Leader, Taxi Licensing.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Senior Enforcement Officer, Taxi Licensing, as required by the Team Leader, be authorised to:-
 - (a) grant, renew, transfer, authorise, vary, suspend, revoke and refuse licences/registrations, approvals and consents in relation to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, vehicles and operators under the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and any other legislation amending, extending or succeeding the above Acts, including regulations byelaws and orders made there under having regard, in relevant cases, to comments of Ward Councillors and current committee policies;
 - (b) refer applications, appeals and reviews of licences and registrations to the Regulatory Committee where the officer considered the circumstances to be appropriate, and;
 - (c) in the absence of the Team Leader, Taxi Licensing or Customer Services Manager, Food and Licensing, administer formal cautions and instruct the Solicitor to the Council to institute legal proceedings for offences committed under the legislation listed above;
- (2) that the Corporate Director of City Development, Service Director of City Development (Environment and Public Protection), Customer Service Manager, Food and Licensing, Team Leader, Taxi Licensing and in the absence of the Team Leader or Customer Services Manager, the Senior Enforcement Officer, Taxi Licensing, be given delegated authority to administer formal cautions and instruct the Solicitor to the Council to institute legal proceedings under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and any other legislation amending, extending or succeeding the above Act, including regulations byelaws and orders made thereunder insofar as it related to taxi licensing issues.

19 TAXI LICENSING FEES INCREASE

Consideration was given to a report of the Lead Services Director, City Development, copies of which had been circulated, requesting approval for licence fees to be increased to cover increases to the costs of administering the licence regime, including inspection and enforcement costs.

RESOLVED

- (1) that members approve the increase in licence fees as indicated in appendix 1 to the report, subject to any objections being received to the advertised increases which would be circulated in a local newspaper;
- (2) that the Services Director, City Development, be authorised to consider any objections to the proposed fee increases and implement the increases subject to any modification appropriate after consideration of any objections received in accordance with the provision of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

(3) that, in the event of the Service Director, City Development modifying the proposed fees, a report be brought back to this committee advising of the modifications made.