

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

REGULATORY AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, on 7 April 2014 from 10.30am to 11.20am

- ✓ Councillor Brian Grocock (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor David Smith (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Liaqat Ali
- Councillor Azad Choudhry
- ✓ Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim
- ✓ Councillor Glyn Jenkins
- ✓ Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan
- Councillor Carole McCulloch
- Councillor Jackie Morris
- ✓ Councillor Mohammed Saghir
- Councillor Tim Spencer
- ✓ Councillor Roger Steel
- ✓ Councillor Michael Wildgust

- ✓ Councillor Bill Ottewell (substitute for Councillor Morris)

- ✓ indicates present at meeting

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Neil Ehrhart - Markets and Events Manager)
Ghazala Mumtaz - Senior Licensing Officer) Communities
Angela Rawson - Licensing Manager)

Ann Barrett - Solicitor to the Committee) Corporate Services
Mark Leavesley - Constitutional Services Officer)

Kevin Rowland - a2z Licensing (for minutes 23 to 26 inclusive only)

Councillor Rosemary Healy (Observer)

23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Ali - annual leave
Councillor Morris - personal

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

25 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

26 CCTV TAXI SCHEME (CITY SAFE)

Ms Ghazala Mumtaz, Senior Licensing Officer, presented a report of the Director of Community Protection regarding the proposal to introduce a voluntary CCTV scheme for hackney carriages licensed by Nottingham City Council.

Mr Kevin Rowland, a2z Licensing, representing DG Taxis, had previously sent a letter to members of the Committee, stating that the scheme should be extended to private hire taxis and not just reserved for hackney carriages and was present to ask if he could address the Committee on this issue. Following a vote, the request was turned down. The vote was 8:1 against and Councillor Steel requested that his vote in favour of allowing Mr Rowland to speak was recorded.

Ms Mumtaz stated the following:

- (a) as a result of a report published in July 2013 by the Crime and Drugs Partnership, the Police and Crime Commissioner agreed to provide the full £95,070 required to fund the scheme;
- (b) the scheme is intended to run on a voluntary basis for one year and involves a maximum of 100 participants, on a first come, first served basis, making a £100 contribution to buy and install the CCTV system in their vehicle;
- (c) the Council will procure the systems but the vehicle owners will own the CCTV and be responsible for its maintenance;
- (d) the system will record continual images only (no sound), from when the engine is switched on to 30 minutes after it is switched off;
- (e) participants in the scheme will be required to adhere to a Code of Conduct which, amongst other things, requires all participants in the scheme to register independently as a 'data controller' with the Information Commissioners Office and to adhere to the Information Commissioner's Code of Practice on the use of CCTV.

During discussion of the item, Councillor Steele suggested an amendment to the recommendations to extend the scheme to private hire vehicles. When put to the vote, the amendment was not supported as the majority of members agreed the scheme put forward was a starting point and was a pilot scheme on terms agreed with the Police and Crime Commissioner, fully funded by him on those terms.

RESOLVED

- (1) approve the introduction of a one-year pilot scheme for the voluntary use of CCTV in hackney carriages (City Safe CCTV Taxi Scheme);**
- (2) delegate authorisation to sign the individual agreements for the purchase and fitting of CCTV systems in hackney carriages to the Head of Licensing, Permits and Regulations;**
- (3) request the Director of Community Protection to submit an update report to this Committee in 6 months time.**

27 STREET TRADING - DESIGNATION OF STREETS NEAR SCHOOLS

Neil Ehrhart, Markets and Events Service Manager, presented a report of the Director of Sports, Culture and Parks. The report asked the Committee to consider representations made following the advertisement of its resolution of 13 January 2014 indicating the Council's intention to designate streets surrounding the Ellis Guilford School, Bulwell Academy and The Trinity School in Nottingham for the purposes of street trading. Mr Ehrhart stated the following:

- (a) the Council advertised its intention and served all appropriate notices in accordance with paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982;
- (b) no representations were received during the consultation period;
- (c) to comply with legislation, further advertisement of the designation has to take place after the resolution has been passed, therefore it is proposed that the resolution should not take effect until 2 June 2014.

RESOLVED to

- (1) designate Hucknall Lane (from Carey Road to Sandhurst Road), Ludford Road, Squires Avenue, Beechdale Road (from Creamery Close to Highwood Avenue), Kingsbury Drive, Glencairn Drive, Harvey Road, Bar Lane, Fearnleigh Drive, Broadhurst Avenue and Pennant Road as consent streets for the purposes of street trading with effect from 2 June 2014, pursuant to paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; all previous resolutions of the City Council relating to their designation will be rescinded with effect from the same date;**
- (2) authorise the Director for Sports, Culture and Parks to advertise the resolution in (1) above in accordance with paragraph 2 of schedule 4 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.**