

AGENDA

Meeting: Licensing Committee
Place: Council Chamber - Council Offices, Browfort, Bath Road, Devizes SN10 2AT
Date: Wednesday 6 June 2012
Time: 10.30 am

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Membership:

Cllr Desna Allen	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Richard Beattie	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Peggy Dow	Cllr Bill Moss
Cllr Rod Eaton	Cllr Pip Ridout
Cllr Jose Green (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Bill Roberts
Cllr Malcolm Hewson	Cllr Jonathon Seed (Chairman)

Substitutes:

Cllr Liz Bryant	Cllr Bill Douglas
Cllr Allison Bucknell	Cllr Mary Douglas
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Jon Hubbard
Cllr Ernie Clark	

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1. **Apologies and changes to committee membership**

To receive any apologies and note the following changes to the committee membership:

Cllr Pip Ridout to replace Cllr Nina Philips as member of the committee.

Cllr Mary Douglas to replace Cllr Pip Ridout as substitute member of the committee.

Cllr Jose Green appointed as Vice Chairman.

2. **Chairman's Announcements**

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4. **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named above no later than 5pm on Monday 28 May 2012.

Please contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

5. **Increase of Taxi Tariff - South Zone** (*Pages 1 - 96*)

This report by Kate Golledge (Public Protection Manager Safer Communities and Licensing) is to inform the committee of the changes in the current tariff and the main reasons for objection to those changes.

It recommends that the Licensing Committee consider the objections and implement a new taxi tariff to take effect within two months from 5 April 2012, with a recommended implementation date of 7 June 2012.

6. **Increase in Taxi fees** (*Pages 97 - 104*)

This report by Kate Golledge (Public Protection Manager Safer Communities and Licensing) is to enable the committee to consider the responses to the proposed increase of Hackney Carriage and Private hire fees for the regulated zone of Wiltshire Council following the 28 day public consultation.

It recommends that the Licensing Committee consider the objections and increase the fees to:

- £180 for vehicle licenses;
- £91 for newly licensed drivers; and
- £30 for each knowledge test carried out.

The increase in fees to take effect from 01 July 2012.

7. **Change to Scheme of Delegation** (*Pages 105 - 114*)

This report by Kate Golledge (Public Protection Manager Safer Communities and Licensing) informs members of the additions and amendments necessary to the scheme of delegation specifically to licensing in the Constitution due to changes in the primary legislation.

It is recommended that the Licensing Committee approve the additions and amendments to the scheme of delegation as detailed within this report and recommends them to Council for its approval

8. **Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Members are asked to note the future meetings of the Licensing Committee, all to commence at 10.30am:

Friday 14 September 2012 - Committee Room A, Monkton Park, Chippenham

Monday 12 November 2012 – Council Chamber, Monkton Park, Chippenham

9. **Urgent Items**

Any other items of business, which in the opinion of the Chairman, should be taken as a matter of urgency. Urgent items of a confidential nature may be considered under Part II of this agenda.