

LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

11 December 2007

Attendance:

Councillors:

Mather (Chairman) (P)

Baxter (P)
Bell (P)
Berry (P)
Cooper (P)
Howell
Hammerton
Izard (P)

Jackson (P)
Love (P)
Sutton (P)
Read (P)
Wagner
Weston (P)
Wright (P)

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Howell and his Standing Deputy, Councillor Lipscomb.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on 9 October 2007 be approved and adopted.

3. **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD 8 OCTOBER 2007**
(Report [LR267](#) refers)

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2007 (attached as Appendix A to the minutes).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 8 October 2007 be received and noted.

4. **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD 22 OCTOBER 2007**
(Report [LR268](#) refers)

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22 October 2007 (attached as Appendix B to the minutes).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 22 October 2007 be received and noted.

5. **MINUTES OF THE LICENSING (TAXI) SUB-COMMITTEE HELD 6 NOVEMBER 2007 (LESS EXEMPT ITEM)**

(Report [LR269](#) refers)

The Committee considered the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 6 November, less exempt item (attached as Appendix C to the minutes).

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 November 2007 (less exempt item) be received and noted.

6. **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2007**

(Report [LR266](#) refers)

The Report set out the results of a further round of consultations which followed the Committee's consideration of Report LR245 at its last meeting, held on 9 October 2007.

With regard to changing the polling place for certain voters in Canon Street, College Street and Kingsgate Street, from King Harold Court to the Guildhall, a Member pointed out that the Cathedral very occasionally locked the door on the footpath from Cathedral Close to Colebrook Street, to increase security for special services etc. If that occurred on election day, it would negate any advantages for those voters covered by the proposed change. The Committee noted this point but, on balance agreed to approve the proposed change and monitor its future effects.

The Corporate Director (Governance) noted Members' concerns regarding likely future rebuilding works at Hursley and East Stratton Village Halls, which would temporarily affect their suitability as polling places. He explained that, as Returning Officer, he had authority to make any necessary changes to the selection of polling places between review periods, which included dealing with the type of problem mentioned above.

During discussion, the Committee referred to the disabled access difficulties at Easton Village Hall. Having established that there was no legal impediment to using a church as a polling place, Members agreed that the Returning Officer be requested to investigate the suitability of Easton Parish Church as an alternative to the Village Hall.

RESOLVED:

1. That, having considered the further representations received as part of the second round of consultation, the polling districts and polling places set out in Appendix A be approved and adopted.

2. That, with regard to the provision of a polling place in the northern part of St Luke Ward, the situation with regard to the availability of the Tower Arts Centre continue to be monitored, and the Returning Officer be asked to consider the creation of a polling district/place based upon these premises, should they become available.

3. That, with regard to the provision of a polling place at Easton, the Returning Officer be asked to investigate the suitability of Easton Parish Church as an alternative to Easton Village Hall.

4. That the following properties be transferred from the St Michael (YT) Polling District to the St Michael (YS) Polling District and therefore vote at the Guildhall, Winchester rather than King Harold Court, Christchurch Road, Winchester, and the appropriate Registers of Electors be amended accordingly:-

46 – 64 Canon Street (inc. St Swithun's Villas)

College Street (all residential properties)

1 -16 & 52 – 79 Kingsgate Street

7. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

RESOLVED:

1. That in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2. That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business because it is likely that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure to them of 'exempt information' as defined by Section 100I and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Minute Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
##	Exempt Minute of Licensing (Taxi) Sub-Committee held 6 November 2007) Information relating to the) financial or business affairs of) any particular person (including) the authority holding that) information) (Para 3 Schedule) 12A refers)

8. **EXEMPT MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the Licensing (Taxi) Sub-Committees held on 6 November 2007 be received and noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and concluded at 6.45pm

Chairman