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## LICENSING COMMITTEE AGENDA

**Membership:** Councillor Smith D (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Bowerman, Cresswell, Fairhurst, Hart, Howard, Hughes (Vice-Chairman), Keast, Kerrin, Pike, Ponsonby, Shimbart, Thomas and Wade

**Meeting:** Licensing Committee

**Date:** Wednesday 22 March 2017

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Hollybank Room, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road,  
Havant, Hants PO9 2AX

The business to be transacted is set out below:

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14 March 2017

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### PART 1 (Items open for public attendance)

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**1 Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2 Minutes**

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To approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on 28 September 2016.

**3 Matters Arising**

**4 Declarations of Interests**

To receive and record any declarations of interests from members present in respect of any of the various matters on the agenda for this meeting.

## 5 Chairman's Report

### PART 2 ( Confidential Items)

## 6 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the item headed and numbered as below because:

it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during that item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the descriptions specified in paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 shown against the heading in question; and

in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**Item 7                      Suitability of an applicant to be granted a  
Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence  
by Havant Borough Council  
(Paragraphs 1 to 3)**

Paragraph 1              Information relating to any individual

Paragraph 2              Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

Paragraph 3              Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

## 7                      **Suitability of an applicant to be granted a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence by Havant Borough Council**

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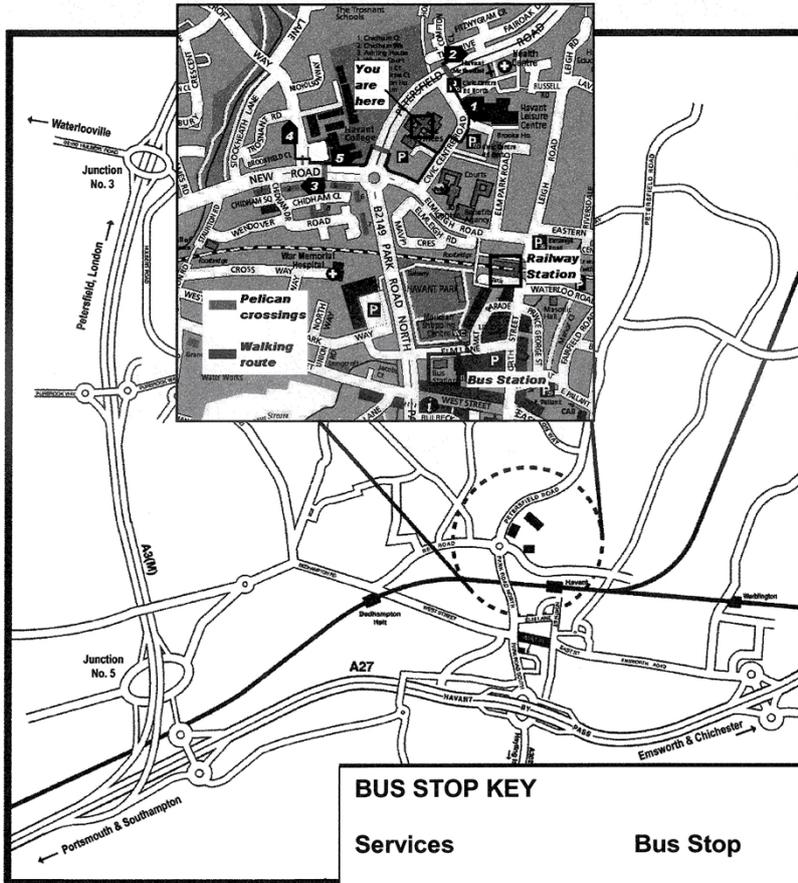
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- Councillors must always address each other as “Councillor ...” and must always address the meeting through the Chairman;
- A motion must relate to the business included on the agenda or accepted by the meeting as urgent business
- A motion must be proposed and seconded before it is debated until it is either accepted or rejected by a vote;
- An amendment can be proposed to the original motion and this must be seconded before it is debated;
- An amendment cannot be considered if it is inconsistent with an amendment previously adopted or repeats an amendment previously rejected;
- The mover of an original motion may, with the consent of the mover of an amendment, incorporate an amendment into the motion;
- Only one amendment may be moved at a time. No further amendments can be moved until the previous amendment has been dealt with;
- Each amendment must be voted on separately;
- If an amendment is carried, the amended motion becomes the substantive motion to which further amendments may be moved;
- If an amendment is lost, other amendments may be moved to the original motion.
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- A recorded vote will always be taken in respect of approval of the Annual Budget
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## HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 28 September 2016

Present

Councillor Smith D (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs Blackett, Bowerman, Cresswell, Fairhurst, Hart, Howard, Keast, Kerrin, Pike, Ponsonby, Shimbart and Wade

### **50 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hughes and Thomas.

### **51 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 15 June 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **52 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

### **53 Declarations of Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **54 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported details of a successful prosecution against a licensed driver for operating an unlicensed vehicle and displaying an expired plate.

### **55 Charges for Taxis and Private Hire Licensing**

The Committee considered a report from the licensing officer setting out the proposed charges for taxi and private hire licensing for the financial year 2017/18.

The Licensing Officer advised that he would take steps to ensure that the hackney carriage and private hire trades were aware of the proposed changes and of their rights to make representations in relation to these proposals.

The Committee agreed in principle to the proposed changes. However concern was expressed that due to some errors in the staffing costs submitted, the proposed changes might not properly reflect the costs to the Council. It was therefore

RESOLVED that:

- (a) authority be delegated to the Licensing Officer, in consultation with the Chairman, to approve the proposed taxi and private hire licensing for 2017/18 charges for advertising for public comment; and
- (b) in the event of no representations being received in response to the advertised charges referred to in (a) above, Full Council be RECOMMENDED to implement the new charges for the financial year commencing 1 April 2017

## **56 Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey**

The Committee considered a report from the Licensing Officer outlining the findings of the unmet demand survey for hackney carriages which was conducted in June and July 2016.

The survey concluded that there was some evidence of unmet demand at certain times but that there was spare capacity in the hackney carriage fleet to meet this demand without the need to issue additional hackney carriage plates. The Committee was advised that if the Committee was minded to retain the current limit of forty hackney carriages, the Licensing Officer proposed to discuss with the trade ways of improving the hackney carriage service to meet this unmet demand.

The Committee discussed the survey and options available to the Council following this survey and voted on all three possible options. The majority of the Committee considered that the current limit should be retained for the next twelve months and that the hackney carriage service be reviewed during this period with the results being reported to this Committee for consideration on whether to increase the number of hackney carriage plates. it was therefore

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the current limit of forty hackney carriage plates be retained for the next twelve months;
- (b) the hackney carriage service be monitored over the next twelve months to identify improvements in the use of the current hackney carriage fleet to meet the unmet demand identified in the 2016 unmet demand survey; and
- (c) the Committee reconsider the hackney carriage limit in 2017 in light of the results of the monitoring exercise referred to in (b) above

**The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 6.04 pm**

# Agenda Item 7

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