

CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** held in Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford on Wednesday, 7 February 2018

PRESENT

Cllr T Nicols (Chairman)
Cllr K M Collins (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs R D Berry
D Bowater
J Chatterley

Cllrs Mrs A L Dodwell
P Smith
T Swain

Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs A Barker
I Dalgarno
K Janes
N Warren
R D Wenham

Officers in Attendance: Miss H Bell
Mrs M James
Mrs R White
Committee Services Officer
Licensing Enforcement Officer
Litigation Lawyer LGSS Law Limited

L/17/40. **Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2016 be signed and approved by the Chairman as a correct record.

L/17/41. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

The Chairman advised the Committee that he and the Vice Chairman had attended a conference on the 'Night Time Economy'. He spoke about the importance of the night time employment and the need for it to be regulated and a structured policy devised.

Following a detailed discussion, Members agreed that this would be considered as an agenda item at the next meeting of this Committee. In particular, Members would consider the best approach for proceeding with regulating and developing a policy for the night time economy in Central Bedfordshire.

L/17/42. **Members' Interests**

Councillors Berry, Bowater and Dodwell declared a Personal interest in Agenda Item 6 as members of Leighton Linlade Town Council.

L/17/43. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

No questions, statements or deputations from members of the public were received.

L/17/44. **Review of Leighton Buzzard Taxi Rank**

The Committee received and considered a report of the Public Protection Officer which detailed a request from Leighton Linslade Town Council to vary the Market Square taxi stand on market days.

The report advised that the current stand located at the Market Square, Leighton Buzzard comprised of four taxis facing East. Leighton Linslade Town Council requested to vary the taxi stand on market days (Tuesday and Saturday) only.

The proposal detailed in the report is to therefore revoke the current stand, facing East on Tuesday and Saturday only and to appoint a new stand on the opposite side of the road facing West.

It was noted that the proposal had gone through a consultation process and objections had been received from taxi drivers. A petition from the drivers objecting to the proposal had been submitted.

Following a detailed debate, in which Members discussed issues surrounding the location of the taxi rank in the Leighton Buzzard, it was agreed that the request to revoke and relocate a new stand on market days be endorsed.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Hackney Carriage stand in the position shown in Schedule One of the report now submitted be revoked on market days (Tuesdays and Saturdays) only and;**
- (2) That a new Hackney Carriage stand in the position shown in Schedule Two of the report now submitted on market days (Tuesdays and Saturdays) only be appointed.**

(Note: The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. and concluded at 11.00 a.m.)

Chairman

Dated