

# Licensing Committee

Mon 29 November  
2010  
7.00 pm

Committee Room 2  
Town Hall  
Redditch

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# LICENSING COMMITTEE

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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:	Michael Braley (Chair)	Adam Griffin
	Anita Clayton (Vice-Chair)	Bill Hartnett
	Kath Banks	Nigel Hicks
	Michael Chalk	Robin King
	Simon Chalk	Wanda King
	Jack Cookson	Jinny Pearce
	Andrew Fry	Brenda Quinney
	Carole Gandy	

<b>1. Apologies</b>	To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend this meeting.
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.
<b>3. Minutes</b> (Pages 1 - 8)	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19th July 2010.  (Minutes attached)
<b>4. Statement of Licensing Policy 2011-2014 - Licensing Act 2003</b> (Pages 9 - 32)	To consider responses following consultation with stakeholders and to renew the Statement of Licensing Policy for the District for the period 2011-2014.  (Report attached)  <b>All Wards</b>
<b>5. Licensing Act 2003 - Policy for the Classification of Films</b> (Pages 33 - 42)	To consider the adoption of a Council policy for the classification of films.  (Report attached)  <b>All Wards</b>

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<p><b>6. Knowledge Test for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers</b></p>	<p>To consider updating the existing “knowledge” test required of applicants for a Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence by adding an “essential skills” test; extending its application to include applicants for a Private Hire Driver’s Licence and related matters.</p> <p>(Report to follow)</p> <p><b>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>7. Hackney Carriage Rank Provision - Evesham Road</b></p> <p>(Pages 43 - 52)</p>	<p>To consider further consultation responses in respect of the siting of an additional and/or an alternative rank on Evesham Road, Headless Cross with an increase of 6/7 rank spaces.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(Headless Cross &amp; Oakenshaw Ward)</b></p>
<p><b>8. Licensing Committee Work Programme</b></p> <p>(Pages 53 - 54)</p>	<p>To consider the Committee’s Work Programme for the remainder of the current Municipal Year and the coming Municipal Year.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Exclusion of the Public</b></p>	<p>Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to consider excluding the public from the meeting in relation to any items of business on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:</p> <p><b>“that, under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006, the public may be excluded from the meeting for the following matters(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.”</b></p>