

For the attention of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

COMMUNITY SERVICES & LICENSING COMMITTEE

Decisions of a Meeting held on 24 July 2008

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services & Licensing Committee held on 29 May 2008

Minutes approved.

3. Minutes of a meeting of the Community Leisure Working Party held on 5 June 2008

The Corporate Director referred to the resolution of Minute No: CLWP. 61 (Community Leisure Review (June)) and reminded Members that the Community Leisure Working Party Terms of Reference details that 'The Working Party will meet at least four times a year and will review arrangements with Community Leisure Limited (CLL) at least annually and provide a report to Council as approved by Community Services & Licensing Committee'. Therefore this meant that the Working Party itself were to carry out the 12 month review of CLL and not Overview & Scrutiny Committee as recommended.

Members agreed that the resolution of Minute No: CLWP. 61 be amended to read:

'That the Community Leisure Working Party proceed to carry out the 12 month review of CLL.'

Resolved

That the minutes of a meeting of the Community Leisure Working Party held on 5 June 2008 as amended be endorsed.

4. Urgent Business

The Chairman reported that there were no items to be considered as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. Declarations of Interest

- Item 6 Councillor Mrs Frank declared a personal interest in this item, as a member of the Moors and Coast Tourism Partnership.
- Item 6 Councillor Woodward declared a personal interest in this item, as his wife is the owner of a Bed & Breakfast affected by tourism.
- Item 10 Councillor Mrs Keal declared a personal interest in this item, as a member of the Malton and Norton Area Partnership Board.

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Item 16 Councillor Hope declared a personal interest in this item, as an owner of a stall on the Farmers Market.

6. **Yorkshire Moors and Coast Tourism Partnership**

Recommendation agreed.

7. **Recovery of Disabled Facilities Grant Capital Expenditure**

Recommendation agreed.

8. **Car Park Action Group - Petition**

The petition was worded as follows:

- (a) Not to sell Wentworth Street Car Park in view of the need to retain ALL car park spaces for the present needs and future growth of Malton and Norton;
- (b) To review the car park charges in all Malton car parks.

The Corporate Director reported that Members were requested to consider part (b) of the petition and that part (a) was to be considered at the next meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

The Corporate Director asked Members to note that there were a number of ongoing actions in relation to car parking:

- A car parking review scoping report was being presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider at its meeting of 8 August 2008
- Discussions with the Fitzwilliam estate and Business in Action are ongoing in relation to charges and car parking provision in Malton town centre.

Members noted the ongoing actions and were of the view that the Committee should seek the outcome of these prior to consideration of any further work. Members requested that the representatives of the Car Park Action Group be informed of the ongoing work.

Resolved

That no further action be taken until the outcomes of the review and meetings with stakeholders have taken place.

9. **Single Homelessness Strategy for North Yorkshire and Local Action Group**

Recommendation agreed.

10. **Malton Market Place – Proposal for Continental Market**

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Recommendation agreed.

11. Review of Out of Hours Stray Dog Policy

Recommendation agreed.

12. The Way Forward – Review of Taxi Licensing Services

The Commercial Services Finance Manager submitted a report (previously circulated) which requested authorisation for the establishment of a task group to review the Taxi Licensing Service and proposed a joint meeting with the Taxi Working Group.

At the meeting of this Committee on 10 April 2008 it was resolved that the hackney carriage and private hire fees be reviewed in preparation for the 209/10 budget. This resolution was made against a background of regular appeals against decisions to increase fees in order to achieve a cost neutral service in line with the current policy for the taxi licensing service.

The Commercial Services Finance Manager reported that in order to plan the review of the fees and charges it was suggested that the way forward was a joint meeting to enable the opportunity for issues to be raised and actions to form the basis of a review of the taxi licensing service which could be brought back to this Committee for decision.

Members were in agreement that the way forward would be to form a Taxi Licensing Task Group and the Chairman welcomed the appointment of three Members from the Committee to attend to form the group. Members agreed that the most appropriate date to hold the meeting was Wednesday 20 August 2008 at 10.30am.

Resolved

- (a) That the Committee approve the establishment of a Member Task Group with terms of reference being to make recommendations to the Community Services & Licensing Committee regarding:
 - Taxi licensing policy; and
 - Taxi licensing fees and charges
- (b) The three Members appointed to the Task Group be as follows:
 - Councillor Mrs Cowling (As Chairman of the Community Services & Licensing Committee)
 - Councillor Hope
 - Councillor Jackson
- (c) That the meeting of the Taxi Licensing Task Group be held on Wednesday 20 August 2008 at 10.30am.
- (d) That a joint meeting of the Task Group with the Taxi Working Group during August to allow recommendations to be made to this Committee

in September prior to the 2009/10 budget setting process be approved.

13. Taxi Licensing – Amendment to Driver Licensing Policy

Recommendation agreed.

14. Community Services & Licensing Committee Performance Report Quarter 1 June 2008

Report noted.

15. Overview of the Councils Environmental Policies, Strategies and Activities

Recommendation agreed.

16. Markets

The Forward Planning and Economic Development Manager submitted, for information, the notes from a Five Town Council's meeting held on 7 July 2008.

Members were in agreement with the continuation and strengthening of the markets in Ryedale, which gave confidence to the towns and provided a sense of community. Members also agreed that there should be intervention and active efforts by Members and Officers to improve them, including better publicity/marketing e.g. information to promote the markets on the Council website, stressing the benefits of locally sourced food and reducing the fuel costs of shoppers, and to encourage new traders.

Members were of the opinion that there should be further investigation from elsewhere in order to learn good practice and considering the location of the markets to allow expansions to enhance overall vitality in each of the towns. The Corporate Director reported that improvement to the appearance of the markets would require investment and assured Members that a full report, with a number of options, would be brought back to this Committee for Members to consider.