Notice of Meeting

Licensing and Safety Committee

Councillor Gillbe (Chair), Councillor O'Regan (Vice-Chair), Councillors Allen, Barnard, Bidwell, Cochrane, Collings, Frewer, Frost, Gaw, Mossom, Purnell, Smith and C Thompson

Thursday 19 October 2023, 7.30 pm Time Square, Market Street, Bracknell, RG12 1JD



Agenda

All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| | To receive apologies for absence. | |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest | |
| | Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting. Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days. Any Member with an affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting. | |
| 3. | Minutes | 3 - 6 |
| | To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023. | |
| 4. | Urgent Items of Business | |
| | Any other items which, pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman decides are urgent. | |
| 5. | Notice of Public Speaking | |
| | To note those agenda items which have received an application for public speaking | |

| 6. | Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade Meeting Update | 7 - 12 |
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| | To summarise the work of the Taxi Trade Group since the last Licensing and Safety Committee meeting, inform Members about any matters raised and where appropriate agree a way forward on queries raised at the meeting. | |
| | Reporting: Moira Fraser, Principal Officer: Policy and Governance | |
| 7. | Outcome of the Knowledge Test Consultation | 13 - 26 |
| | To set out the outcome of the 'knowledge test' consultation which Members requested at the June 2023 meeting. | |
| | Reporting: Sean Murphy, Head of Public Protection Partnership | |
| 8. | Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy | 27 - 158 |
| | To consider the draft policy following the consultation undertaken in 2022 and to agree any modifications arising from that consultation and agree the way forward in terms of the adoption of the policy. | |
| | Reporting: Moira Fraser, Principal Officer: Policy and Governance | |
| 9. | Fees and Charges 2024/25 | 159 - 182 |
| | To agree the Public Protection Partnership's Fees and Charges which have been proposed by the Joint Public Protection Committee at its meeting on the 02 October 2023. | |
| | Reporting: Sean Murphy, Head of Public Protection Partnership | |
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