

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE
Date and Time FRIDAY, 8 MARCH 2013 AT 9.30 A.M.*
Place COMMITTEE ROOM 1, APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

*Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:

- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Committee's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
 - (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item.
- Speeches may not exceed three minutes. Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2013 as a correct record.

2. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. Public Participation

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

4. Review of Taxi Licensing Policy – Vehicle Engine Sizes (Report A)

To consider amending the current taxi licensing policy.

5. Delegation of Power to Officers

The Council operates an extensive scheme of delegation of powers to officers, which allow decisions to be taken quickly and efficiently within defined policies.

Changes to the Licensing Act 2003, brought into effect by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, mean that the licensing authority is now a responsible authority and may make relevant representations under the Licensing Act 2003.

In particular, the licensing authority may now make representations on applications for new premises licences and club premises certificates and applications to vary premises licences and club premises certificates. The licensing authority, as a responsible authority, is also now permitted to call a premises licence or club premises certificate in for review.

In order to maintain the impartiality of the licensing authority and to ensure that there is no conflict between the roles of decision maker and responsible authority, it is recommended that the General Purposes and Licensing Committee delegates these powers to officers.

RECOMMENDED:

That the following powers be delegated to the officers shown:

SOURCE	POWER DELEGATED	DELEGATION TO
Licensing Act 2003 and any amending legislation	To make representations on behalf of the licensing authority on applications for new, or to vary, premises licences or club premises certificates	Chief Executive Executive Directors
Licensing Act 2003 and any amending legislation	To apply, on behalf of the licensing authority, for a review of a premises licence or club premises certificate.	Chief Executive Executive Directors

6. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

To: **Councillors:**

G C Beck (Chairman)
S J Clarke
W H Dow (Vice-Chairman)
J D Heron
Miss A J Hickman
Mrs M McLean
J Penwarden
L R Puttock

Councillors:

A W Rice TD
R F Scrivens
M H Thierry
S S Wade
Mrs C V Ward
P R Woods
Mrs P A Wyeth