



Licensing, Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee

Date: Wednesday, 27 January 2016

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non pecuniary interests, in connection with any application on the agenda and state the nature of the interest.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015.

3. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES (Pages 5 - 14)

4. INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES ON WIRRAL (Pages 15 - 20)

5. APPLICATIONS TO RENEW PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES (Pages 21 - 24)

6. WIRRAL AWARD 2015 (Pages 25 - 28)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR - PART 1

To consider any other business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

8. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved – That in accordance with section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The public interest test had been applied and favoured exclusion.

9. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES - REPRESENTATIONS (Pages 29 - 40)

10. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES - PETITION (Pages 41 - 60)

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR - PART 2

To consider any other business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 25 November 2015

<u>Present:</u>	Councillor	WJ Davies (Chair)	
	Councillors	S Niblock	M Sullivan
		J Salter	A Hodson
		C Spriggs	G Watt
<u>Deputy:</u>	Councillor	E Boulton (In place of L Fraser)	
<u>Apologies:</u>	Councillor	Mrs PM Williams	

17 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Committee were requested to declare whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in the item on this agenda and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

No such declarations were made.

18 MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September, 2015, be approved.

19 POLLING STATIONS

The Head of Legal and Member Services introduced a report which provided details of necessary changes required in relation to three polling places within the Borough. The report sought approval for the continuation of the status quo for one of the polling places and of suitable alternatives and changes for the other two.

Greasby, Frankby and Irby Ward – Polling District PA

The Electoral Services Officer circulated some objections which had been received from parents of pupils at Greasby Infant School objecting to the continued use of the school. A Member informed the Committee that the ward councillors were not in favour of a suggested alternative. In response to comments from Members, the Electoral Services Officer informed the meeting that the school was not capable of being divided unless an alternative room was used which had led to more complaints in the past from electors. There were no difficulties with access at this polling station

On a motion by Councillor Niblock, seconded by the Chair, it was –

Resolved – That Greasby Infant School, Barker Lane, remain the polling station for this district.

Moreton West and Saughall Massie Ward – Polling District YC

Members were informed that the current polling place for this district, Foxfield School, had now closed so an alternative was required. The offer of the Rainbow Café in Moreton Baptist Church was the best solution presented.

Responding to comments from Members, the Electoral Services Officer stated that there were a range of fees which were paid for the use of private buildings; £500 was by no means the highest. A portable station would cost in the region of £2,500 to £3,000.

The Chair commented that he was aware that Electoral Services always tried their best to get the best facilities at the lowest cost and he suggested that a report on the amounts paid for private halls be brought back to Committee within the next 12 months.

The Committee were informed that Ward Councillors were in agreement with the proposed new polling station subject to a review of the turnout and whether or not it was lower at the next election.

On a motion by Councillor Niblock, seconded by the Chair, it was –

Resolved - That the Rainbow Café room of Moreton Baptist Church should be the polling place for the YC polling district of Moreton West and Saughall Massie at the District Council Election on 5 May 2016 and at all future elections thereafter, subject to a review after the next election.

Pensby and Thingwall Ward – Polling District FB

Members were informed that the current polling place for this district, the Methodist Church in Seven Acres Road would be sold by May 2016 and that Thingwall Recreation Centre had been assessed as a suitable alternative.

Members expressed concern at the long 100 yard single carriage driveway at this alternative location and the car parking available and also the potential hazards this could cause particularly in the dark.

On a motion by Councillor Niblock, seconded by the Chair, it was –

Resolved – That this item be deferred for further discussions to take place between Electoral Services and the Thingwall Recreation Centre

and a report be brought back to the January, 2016 meeting or to a special meeting of this Committee.

20 **REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

A report of the Assistant Chief Executive was considered which gave details of two proposals for amendment of the current Hackney Carriage fare tariffs, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

One proposal had been submitted by the Unite Hackney Carriage trade representatives and was referred to as Proposal A in appendices to the report. A second proposal had been submitted by a Hackney Carriage Driver, supported by a petition of 40 Hackney Carriage Drivers and was referred to as Proposal B in appendices to the report.

A petition from 19 Hackney Carriage Drivers had been received requesting that no amendments be made to the current Hackney Carriage fare tariffs. The Licensing Manager circulated copies of a further petition of 44 signatories against any proposed tariff increases.

Mr D Cummins of Unite Union, addressed the Committee and spoke in favour of proposal A with an amendment to reduce the first yardage of tariff 1 to 355 yards.

Mr J Scott addressed the Committee, speaking in favour of proposal B.

Mr L Grochowicki addressed the Committee and spoke against any proposed increases.

The Chair agreed to hear two further speakers and during the course of hearing the five speakers a further alternative proposal was put before the Committee as to the review of hackney carriage fares.

Members expressed their concern that additional proposals were being put before the Committee at this late stage.

The Licensing Manager clarified the position with regard to the metered taxi fares displayed in hackney carriages and that these were a maximum which could be charged, although drivers could charge customers less than the figure displayed on the meter.

Members expressed the view that they could only make a decision on the basis of the three alternatives contained within the report.

The Licensing Manager informed the Members that only one proposal could then be advertised which would be the subject of consultation and anyone would be able to object which would then lead to the matter coming back to

the Committee. If no objections were made then the proposal would come into effect on 17 December, 2015.

On a motion by Councillor Niblock, seconded by Councillor Hodson, it was –

Resolved (8:0) – That proposal A for an increase in Hackney Carriage Tariffs, be approved, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

21 PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Assistant Chief Executive sought Members' approval of revised Private Hire Operator Licence conditions. A review of Private Hire Operator Licence Conditions had been undertaken, the aim of which was to ensure that the licensing conditions were updated to take into account changes in technology and to provide effective protection for members of the public. The draft document had been subject to consultation at a meeting held with licensed Private Hire Operators and a final draft document had been developed incorporating feedback received from this consultation and was attached as an appendix to the report.

The Licensing Manager explained that the revised conditions now gave some flexibility as to the display of a telephone number in that with the increased use of other media such as smartphone / web apps these could also be displayed in place of, or as well as a telephone number.

Resolved – That the revised conditions for Private Hire Operator Licences be approved.

22 APPLICATIONS TO LICENSE NEW MAKES AND MODELS OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

A report of the Assistant Chief Executive was considered which detailed proposals to consider delegating the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles to the Licensing Panel.

On a motion by Councillor Niblock, seconded by Councillor Salter, it was –

Resolved – That the consideration of applications for the approval of new makes and models of vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriage Vehicles be delegated to the Licensing Panel.



LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider representations received in respect of a proposed increase to the Hackney Carriage fare tariff advertised in accordance with the decision of this Committee on 25 November 2015.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members consider the representations made to the proposed Hackney Carriage fare tariff increase and determine whether to bring in to force a new table of fares, with or without modifications, as a result of the representations.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 It is a delegated function of this Committee to set Hackney Carriage Tariffs.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 section 65(1) gives the power to set hackney carriage fares to the local authority as follows:

1 A District Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle; to be paid in respect of the hire of a hackney carriage by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a 'table of fares') made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.

2 When a District Council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

3.2 On 24 September 2007 Members of this Committee resolved to consider an annual review of fares based upon the Public Carriage Office (now Transport for London) recommendations for London.

3.3 Since that date the last increase of hackney carriage fares was in December 2012 as any change using this method in recent years would have resulted in a negligible impact on Hackney Carriage fares.

3.4 On 25 November 2015 Members considered two proposals to increase the Hackney Carriage fare tariff. Members resolved that the proposal submitted by the Unite Hackney Carriage trade representatives be approved, subject to any objections being received as part of the consultation process.

3.5 The proposed increase was advertised on the Council website and in the Wirral Globe for a period of fourteen days. This proposal is referred to as **Proposal A** in the appendices to this report.

- 3.6 During the consultation period nine representations were received in respect of the proposed increase. These are attached at Appendix 1. The Licensing Section were advised that the 19 Hackney Carriage Drivers who submitted a petition against a tariff increase maintain their objection to any fare increase. This petition is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.7 The representations made have included two amendments to the proposed fare increase and these are detailed below.
- 3.8 A revised proposal has been submitted by the Unite Hackney Carriage trade representatives to reduce the initial hiring distance on each tariff shown below, with all other distances and charges to remain unchanged. This proposal is referred to as **Proposal B** in the appendices to this report.

Tariff 1 - Reduce the initial hiring distance from 600 yards to 355 yards

Tariff 2 - Reduce the initial hiring distance from 900 yards to 695 yards

Tariff 3 - Reduce the initial hiring distance from 966 yards to 784 yards

Tariff 4 - Reduce the initial hiring distance from 966 yards to 829 yards

The effect of reducing each of the initial hiring distances is to increase the cost of each journey by the sum of 20p.

- 3.9 A further revised proposal has been submitted by a Hackney Carriage Driver. This proposal is shown below and includes removing the extra charge for more than two passengers. This proposal is referred to as **Proposal C** in the appendices to this report.

Tariff 1

First 475 yards - £2.40
Each subsequent 225 yards – 20p

Tariff 2

First 400 yards - £2.90
Each subsequent 200 yards – 20p

Tariffs 3 and 4 to remain unchanged.

- 3.10 The current four tariffs are as follows:

Tariff 1 Standard Day Rate (6am to 10pm)

Tariff 2 Standard Night Rate (10pm to 6am)
Public and Bank Holiday Day Rate (inc Easter Sunday)

Tariff 3 Public and Bank Holiday Night Rate (inc Easter Sunday)

Tariff 4 Christmas and New Year Day and Night Rate

Christmas is defined as the period from 18.00 hours on Christmas Eve until 06.00 hours on the day after Boxing Day.

New Year is defined as the period from 18.00 hours on New Year's Eve until 06.00 hours on the day after New Year's Day.

- 3.11 A table comparing the current and proposed rates is shown at Appendix 3. A table showing the effect of the proposed increases is attached at Appendix 4. Appendix 5 shows the current and proposed extra charges.
- 3.12 The date set by Members at their meeting on 25 November 2015 for the new table of fares to come into force if no objections were received was 17 December 2015.
- 3.13 If an objection to a proposed Hackney Carriage fare tariff is made and is not withdrawn the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that the Council can set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the new table of fares shall come into force, with or without modifications as determined by Members after consideration of the objections.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A decision of this Committee may be subject to legal action.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The proposal has been advertised.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The proposal has been reviewed with regard to equality and the impact review can be viewed at:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-april-2014/eias-regeneration-envir>

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Representations received in respect of the proposed increase

Appendix 2 Petition received objecting to the proposed increase

Appendix 3 Table comparing the current and proposed rates

Appendix 4 Table showing the effect of the proposals

Appendix 5 Table comparing the current and proposed extra charges

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	11 October 2012
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	25 November 2015

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HCV tariff increase proposals

	Current rate	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C
TARIFF 1				
First 600 yards	£2.80			
First 490 yards		£2.80		
First 355 yards			£2.80	
First 475 yards				£2.40
Each subsequent 245 yards	20p	20p	20p	
Each 225 yards				20p
TARIFF 2				
First 900 yards	£3.30			
First 790 yards		£3.30		
First 695yards			£3.30	
First 400 yards				£2.90
Each subsequent 205 yards	20p	20p	20p	
Each subsequent 200 yards				20p
TARIFF 3				
First 966 yards	£3.90			£3.90
First 856 yards		£3.90		
First 784yards			£3.90	
Each subsequent 182 yards	20p	20p	20p	20p
TARIFF 4				
First 966 yards	£5.20			£5.20
First 856 yards		£5.20		
First 829 yards			£5.20	
Each subsequent 137 yards	20p	20p	20p	20p

Table showing effect of the proposals

	Distance	Fare based on current tariff	Fare based on tariff proposal A (UNITE - as advertised)	Fare based on tariff proposal B (revised UNITE)	Fare based on tariff proposal C (T Collier)
TARIFF 1	1 mile	£3.80	£4.00	£4.00	£3.60
	2 miles	£5.20	£5.40	£5.40	£5.20
	3 miles	£6.80	£6.80	£7.00	£6.80
	4 miles	£8.20	£8.20	£8.40	£8.40
	5 miles	£9.60	£9.60	£9.80	£9.80
	10 miles	£16.80	£16.80	£17.00	£17.80
TARIFF 2	1 mile	£4.30	£4.30	£4.50	£4.30
	2 miles	£5.90	£6.10	£6.10	£6.10
	3 miles	£7.70	£7.70	£7.90	£7.90
	4 miles	£9.30	£9.50	£9.50	£.70
	5 miles	£11.10	£11.30	£11.30	£11.30
	10 miles	£19.70	£19.70	£19.90	£20.10
TARIFF 3	1 mile	£4.90	£4.90	£5.00	£4.90
	2 miles	£6.90	£6.90	£6.60	£6.90
	3 miles	£8.70	£8.90	£8.20	£8.70
	4 miles	£10.70	£10.70	£9.80	£10.70
	5 miles	£12.70	£12.70	£11.40	£12.70
	10 miles	£22.30	£22.30	£19.40	£22.30
TARIFF 4	1 mile	£6.40	£6.60	£6.60	£6.40
	2 miles	£9.00	£9.20	£9.20	£9.00
	3 miles	£11.60	£11.80	£11.80	£11.60
	4 miles	£14.20	£14.40	£14.40	£14.20
	5 miles	£16.80	£16.80	£17.00	£16.80
	10 miles	£29.60	£29.80	£29.80	£29.60

	Current charge/ Proposal A/ Proposal B	Proposal C
For each passenger in excess of two per journey	20p	Nil
For each animal (other than an assistance dog)	£1.00	unchanged
Waiting time – for each minute or part thereof	20p	unchanged
Bulky item	£5.00	unchanged
Fouling charge	£35.00	unchanged

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LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES ON WIRRAL
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable Members to appoint an independent consultant to undertake an assessment of the supply and demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Wirral.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are asked to appoint an independent consultant to undertake an assessment of the supply and demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Wirral.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 It is a delegated function of this Committee to appoint an independent consultant to undertake an assessment of the supply and demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Wirral.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 On 28 September 2015 Members of this Committee authorised officers to proceed with a tender for the independent investigation into the supply and demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Wirral.
- 3.2 In consultation with Procurement a Request for Quotation document was completed to enable the tender to be advertised on 'The Chest' which is the internet portal for applying for advertised contracts for local authorities within the North West of England.
- 3.3 The closing date for Tender Applications is 21 January 2016.
- 3.4 Each of the responses received will be evaluated using the criteria set out in the Request for Quotation Document. The evaluation criteria will be applied using a weighting of 70% for price and 30% for quality. Further details of the evaluation criteria are attached at Appendix 1. The results of this evaluation will be provided at the meeting.
- 3.5 Members are asked to consider the responses received and identify the company that should undertake an assessment of the supply and demand for Hackney Carriage Vehicles in Wirral.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Cost recovery can be considered when taxi licence fees are reviewed as part of the budget setting process.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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Appendix 1 – Evaluation criteria

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	28 September 2015

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Section 3 - Evaluation

3.1 Evaluation

The award of this Contract will be on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender taking into consideration the following award criteria:

Price	70%
Quality	30%

All Quality and Pricing information submitted will form the overall evaluation for calculating a bids final score.

3.2 Scoring Mechanism

The scoring mechanism for scored questions in this tender will be as per the "Instructions for Tenderers".

If tenderers score less than a 3 on 2 or more of the method statements, Wirral Council reserves the right to exclude the tenderer.

The scoring mechanism for scored questions in this tender will be as follows:-

Score	Rating	Definition
0	Unacceptable	Nil response or no relevance to the requirement
1	Poor	Response has insufficient relevance and provides no detail or explanation of how the requirement will be met
2	Inadequate	Response has partial relevance and addresses some aspects but with deficiencies with the detail or explanation of how the requirement will be met
3	Acceptable	Response is relevant and acceptable. The response addresses a broad understanding of the requirement but may lack details on how the requirement will be fulfilled in certain areas.
4	Good	Response has significant relevance and good overall. The response is sufficiently detailed to demonstrate a good understanding and provides details on how the requirements will be fulfilled.
5	Excellent	Response is completely relevant and excellent overall. The response is comprehensive, unambiguous and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the requirement and provides details of how the requirement will be met in full. Response adds value and may contain innovative solutions

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LICENSING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	APPLICATIONS TO RENEW PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENCES
REPORT OF	ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Members to consider an amendment to the timeframe within which an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service certificate may be accepted as part of a valid application for the renewal of a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That Members approve the following amendment to the requirements for the renewal of a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Driver Licence:

- Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate issued in respect of a DBS application submitted to the DBS no more than two calendar months prior to the expiry date of the licence

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The length of time taken to process a DBS application is variable which can result in a certificate being issued by the DBS more than 28 days prior to the renewal date of the licence in contravention of the current requirement.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 There is no provision for other options to be considered.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At a meeting of this Committee on 30 June 2015 Members resolved that to renew a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Driver Licence that is due for renewal from 1 October 2015 the following are required:

- Satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate issued no more than 28 days prior to the renewal date
- Satisfactory medical report in accordance with the Council's Policy for Medicals
- Satisfactory driving record

- 3.2 The above requirements were implemented with effect from 1 October as part of the procedure to renew licences for a period of three years. In order to allow sufficient time for the processing of the DBS application ahead of the renewal date, DBS application forms are being submitted to the DBS two months ahead of the renewal date of the Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Driver Licence.

- 3.3 The period of time taken by the DBS to process applications varies considerably and this can result in a number of certificates being issued by the DBS more than 28 days prior to the renewal date of the licence in contravention of the current requirement referred to in Paragraph 3.1.

- 3.4 It is therefore proposed that the timeframe requirement for the DBS enhanced certificate be amended to relate to the application submission date as opposed to the current requirement which relates to the certificate issue date.

- 3.5 In order that the information provided within the DBS certificate remains up to date in respect of the current application it is proposed that a timeframe be set so that the date of the submission of the application is no earlier than two calendar months of the expiry date of the licence.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 This is not a matter that requires consultation.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing Health and Safety and General Purposes Committee	30 June 2015

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LICENSING, HEALTH AND SAFETY AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

REPORT TITLE	WIRRAL AWARD 2015
REPORT OF	HEAD OF LEGAL AND MEMBER SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee agree that the Wirral Award be conferred on the nominees recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Wirral Award as conferred upon the recipients recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party, and the suggested arrangements set out in paragraph 3.0 be agreed.

That the Committee:

- (1) Agrees to confer the Wirral Award upon those recipients recommended by the Wirral Award Working Party
- (2) That appropriate arrangements be made for the presentation ceremony to take place.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The Wirral Award is intended to confer civic recognition upon individuals or organisations resident or located in Wirral for an outstanding achievement within the previous twelve months, or for distinguished service to the Borough over a period of twenty years or more.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 None.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Nominations sought

Thirteen nominations were received and were considered by the Wirral Award Working Party.

3.2 Wirral Award Working Party

The Wirral Award Working Party, comprising the Mayor and representatives of the three political groups met on 10 December, 2015 to consider the nominations submitted. Their recommendations have been circulated to Committee Members for consideration.

3.3 Presentation Ceremony

Once nominations are agreed a presentation ceremony will be arranged to be attended by:

- (i) The Mayor of Wirral
- (ii) Leader of the Council
- (iii) Group Leaders
- (iv) Chair of Licensing, Health and Safety, and General Purposes Committee
- (v) Chief Executive
- (vi) Nominees and one guest each

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs of the presentation ceremony would be fairly minor and could be accommodated within existing approved budgets.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly out of this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no such implications arising out of this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Nominations are sought and accepted from all areas of the local community.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Wirral Award nominations are open to all residents or organisations resident or located in Wirral.

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APPENDICES

None.

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2012	23 January 2013
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2013	22 January 2014
Licensing, Health & Safety and General Purposes Committee – Wirral Award 2014	28 January 2015

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