



Minutes of the meeting of the REGULATORY COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE 2012 at 5.55 pm

Present: Councillor Burke (Chair)
Councillors Alexander, Bramall, Exon, McDonald, McKenzie, P Williams.

Officers: K Ford (Head of Regulatory Unit), A Broomfield (Enforcement Office), E Fisher (Senior Licensing Officer), I Ali (Principal Solicitor), D Imbimbo (Committee Manager).

Apologies: Councillors Brunning, P Geary, Kennedy and Miles

Number of Public Present: 1

RC04 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 21 March 2012 and 23 May 2012 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct records.

RC05 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Committee heard that a petition had been received by the Taxi Enforcement Officers signed by 67 Taxi Drivers operating at Central Milton Keynes Rail Station, seeking assurances that the Council would take action to prevent Private Hire drivers operating unlawfully in station square.

The Committee heard that the enforcement unit had been conducting an operation in the area, providing Marshall's during peak times. This was set to continue for a further 4 weeks and would be assessed at the end of that period to determine whether they had been effective.

RC06 AMENDMENT TO PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE CONDITIONS

This Item was withdrawn.

RC07

MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL ENFORCEMENT POLICY

The Committee considered a report in respect of the Milton Keynes Council Enforcement Policy.

The Committee heard that Milton Keynes Council was required to publish an enforcement policy setting out how legislation would be enforced. As a quasi-judicial committee, this policy could only apply if the committee agreed it was applicable.

The Committee was asked to determine whether the policy applied to the Regulatory function and to consider the content of the policy, make any amendment and recommend it to Cabinet prior to recommendation of the Policy to full Council

RESOLVED –

1. That it be agreed that the Milton Keynes Council Enforcement Policy was applicable to the regulatory functions of the Regulatory Committee, and,
2. That the Enforcement Policy be recommended to the Cabinet to adopt, prior to recommendation of the Policy to full Council.

RC08

THE LAW COMMISSION'S CONSULTATION ON "REFORMING THE LAW OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE SERVICES"

The Committee heard that a consultation document had been received from the Law Commission seeking views of stakeholders and that a response was sought from the committee.

The Committee was asked to consider setting up a working group to review the questions and formulate a reply on behalf of the Committee.

RESOLVED –

That a working group be set up to consider and formulate a response to the consultation.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 6:27 PM