

REGULATORY COMMITTEE DECISIONS

2 DECEMBER 2015

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	SUBJECT AND DECISION	DECISION REFERRAL	PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION
3.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Committee held on 23 September 2015, and the meetings of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held on the dates below, be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records, subject to the word ‘application’ in the resolution at Minute RSC26 of the Regulatory Sub-Committee’s meeting held on 9 September 2015 being amended to ‘appeal’:</p> <p>(a) 12 August 2015 (b) 9 September 2015 (c) 9 September 2015 (d) 15 September 2015 (e) 15 September 2015 (f) 14 October 2015 (g) 14 October 2015</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
5(a).	<p>Petition - Taxi Licensing Conditions – Tinted Windows</p> <p>That, following the receipt of a petition, the Committee receive a report at its next meeting with regard to amending the Council’s Taxi Licensing Conditions in respect of tinted windows.</p>	Regulatory Committee	Senior Taxi Licensing Practitioner

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6.	<p>Referral from Constitution Commission</p> <p>That the Constitution Commission’s recommendation be noted and the Commission advised that the Committee is convinced that the existing system is adequate.</p>	Constitution Commission	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager
7.	<p>Application to Register Land at Woughton-On-The-Green, Milton Keynes as a Village Green under the Provisions of Section 15 of The Commons Act 2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That having considered the Inspector’s report the application for Land at Woughton on the Green (“the Land”) to be registered as a Town and Village Green pursuant to Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006 (“the 2006 Act”) be refused. 2. That Mr Humphries be provided with a full written response to his question, including details of the legal costs incurred by the Council as landowner within 72 hours. 3. That, in future, any member of the public who requests, be provided with details of the costs incurred by the Council, both as a landowner and as the Registration Authority in respect of village green applications. 4. That a clear written procedure be prepared for the voluntary registration of village greens for consideration by the Committee as soon as possible, with a view to it being incorporated into the current guide to village green registrations. 	-	<p>Rights of Way Officer</p> <p>Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager</p> <p>Head of Legal Services</p> <p>Head of Legal Services</p>

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8.	<p>Application to Register Land at the Land South of Passmore, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes, under the Provisions of Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Landowner be requested to consider voluntary registering the land South of Passmore, Tinkers Bridge, Milton Keynes as a village green and to respond by no later than 1 February 2016. 2. That in the event that the Landowner declines to voluntarily register the land as a village green, the Registration Authority produce a report for consideration at the next available meeting of the Committee, assessing whether the land meets the tests to be designated as a village green. 3. That in light of the decision to incorporate a clear written procedure for the voluntary registration of village greens into the current guide to village green registrations and the decisions at 1 and 2 above the guide be reviewed in its entirety as soon as possible. 	-	<p>Senior Estates Surveyor</p> <p>Head of Legal Services</p>
9.	<p>Application to Register Land at Woughton Park, Milton Keynes, under the Provisions of Section 15 of The Commons Act 2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Landowner be requested to consider voluntary registering the land at Woughton Park, Milton Keynes as a village green and to respond by no later than 1 February 2016. 2. That in the event that the Landowner declines to voluntarily register the land as a village green, the Registration Authority produce a report for consideration at the next available meeting of the Committee, assessing whether the land meets the tests to be designated as a village green. 	-	<p>-</p> <p>Senior Estates Surveyor</p> <p>Head of Legal Services</p>

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10.	<p>Application to Register Land at The Paddocks, Woughton On The Green, Milton Keynes, under the Provisions of Section 15 of The Commons Act 2006</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That an Inspector be appointed to determine by written representations whether the application passes the 'As of Right / By Right' test. 2. That the Inspector be requested to produce a written report determining whether or not the application passes the 'As of Right / By Right' test for consideration by the Regulatory Committee to inform its determination of the application. 3. That in the event that the inspector determines that the application passes the 'As of Right / By Right' test, a short non-statutory public inquiry be convened, under the same inspector, to determine the application to register land at the Paddocks, Woughton on the Green as a village green. 4. That, if an inquiry is held, the Inspector be requested to produce a written report for consideration by the Regulatory Committee to inform its determination of the application. 5. That training be provided to members of the Committee on the As of Right / By Right' test before being asked to determine the application. 	-	<p>Head of Legal Services / Rights of Way Officer</p> <p>Head of Legal Services / Rights of Way Officer</p> <p>Head of Legal Services</p>
11.	<p>Registered Town and Village Greens and Current Applications</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p>	-	-

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12.	<p>Review of Taxi Ranks</p> <p>That the following Actions be noted and approved:</p> <p>(a) Milton Keynes Central Railway Station</p> <p>The Taxi Licensing Service to aim to encourage and develop a relationship between the station and the trade to improve the internal signage within the station by writing to the management of the station to ask if they would be willing to amend the signage to make clear the distinction between Taxis and pre-booked private hire vehicles to reduce any public safety issues. Should the station require any financial contribution it would be for the Hackney Carriage Association to discuss with the management of the Station.</p> <p>(b) The Hub, Midsummer Boulevard (outside Jury's Inn)</p> <p>The relevant transport policy and highways teams, in conjunction with the Taxi Licensing Service to consider the concerns of the trade about the rank and the difficulty in manoeuvring in and out. The owners of the land to be requested to relocate the rank to a more suitable location.</p> <p>(c) Midsummer Boulevard (outside the Point)</p> <p>The Taxi Licensing Service to ask the Transport and Highways team to consider re-marking the rank to resolve the issue of vehicles parking in the middle of the rank "legally" to, if possible, allow full usage of the space for the same number of Hackney Carriages and by providing a dropping off and picking up space for non-Hackney Carriage vehicles, or alternatively by the middle section of the rank cross hatched yellow to prevent any vehicles parking within it..</p>	-	Senior Taxi Licensing Practitioner

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12 (cont)	<p>(d) City Square (outside Marks & Spencer's) Saxon Gate The Transport Policy and Highways departments to consider returning this rank to a parking space as requested by the trade.</p> <p>(e) Avebury Boulevard, Xscape Building The Taxi Licensing Service to contact the management of the Xscape building to consider the formal adoption of the "unofficial" rank, with any cost to the Council in providing an official rank being borne by the trade.</p> <p>(f) Aspers Casino, Xscape Building, Averbury Boulevard Officers to contact the owners of the Casino to discuss the adoption of an official rank and that in the event that the owners of the land do not wish to have an official rank designated, the Council cease to recognise it as a rank and allow its use to be controlled by the owner of the land as they see fit.</p> <p>(g) Theatre District, Lower 12th Street Transport Policy and Highways will be requested to consider whether the rank is necessary or if there is a more productive use of the space.</p> <p>(h) Bletchley Station Officers to contact Network Rail to discuss the adoption of an official rank and in the event that the owners of the land do not wish to have an official rank designated the Council cease to recognise this as a rank.</p> <p>(i) Queensway, Bletchley The transport policy team to be requested to consider the future use of the rank.</p>		

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12 (cont)	<p>(j) Coachway Brook Furlong</p> <p>The Taxi Licensing Service to consider, in discussion with the owners of the land the possibility of the Council taking steps to adopt the rank, with any costs other than the administrative costs of adopting the rank (i.e. the compiling of legal notices and future enforcement covered in licence fees) being met by the land owner or the trade themselves.</p> <p>(k) Pink Punters</p> <p>The Taxi Licensing Service to investigate the possibility of the owner of the land opposite the premises permitting a rank to be designated on their land, or alternatively a rank being located on highway land.</p> <p>(l) Double Tree Hotel</p> <p>That this rank be not adopted.</p> <p>(m) Milton Keynes Football Stadium</p> <p>That this rank be not adopted.</p> <p>(n) Outside TGI Friday (Theatre District), Former Pizza Hut (Theatre District) and Harvester (outside X-scape building)</p> <p>It is to be suggested that the Transport Policy team, consider the demand survey and consult with the trade as and when necessary to consider the possibility of additional ranks.</p>		

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13.	<p>Taxi Licensing Audit Report and Further Service Improvements</p> <p>1. That the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That all officers and councillors, with particular mention being given to the Chair of the Committee, involved in achieving the improvement in the Taxi Licensing Function be thanked for their hard work and commitment.</p>	-	-
14.	<p>Taxi Forum – Standing Item</p> <p>That the notes of the meeting of the Taxi Forum held on 8 October 2015 be received, subject to Councillor McPake’s attendance being recorded.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>That in future Councillors in attendance be recorded under a separate ‘Councillors in Attendance’ heading.</p>	-	Head of Regulatory Services
15.	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 3 (Information in respect of information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, in order that the Committee may consider:</p> <p>Exempt Minutes of meetings of the Regulatory Sub-Committee</p>	-	-
16.	<p>Minutes</p> <p>That the Exempt Minutes of the meetings of the Regulatory Sub-Committee held on the dates below, be approved and signed by the Chair as correct records, subject to the word ‘application’ in the resolution at Minute RSC26 of the Regulatory Sub-Committee’s meeting held on 9 September 2015 being amended to ‘appeal’:</p>	-	Committee Services and Scrutiny Manager

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