

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGULATORY COMMITTEE 2009/10

Chair: Councillor Cec Tallack

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of the Annual Report of the Regulatory Committee is to advise the Council of the performance of the Committee during 2009/10.
- 1.2 The current membership is composed of 15 Members in the ratio of 6 Liberal Democrats, 6 Conservative and 3 Labour to reflect the political composition of the Council, as required under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 1.3 The present Committee is comprised of the following Members: Councillors Tallack (Chair), Butler-Ellis (Vice-Chair), Irons (Vice-Chair), Barry, Box, Bristow, Burke, U Clarke, Drewett, Exon, Hoyle, Jury, Latham, Miles and Tamagnini-Barbosa.

2. Review of Meetings:

- 2.1 The Committee convenes 12 times a year to transact business.
- 2.2 In total, 12 Regulatory Sub-Committee hearings have been held up to end of February 2008, with at least another 2 planned for March and April 2010.
- 2.3 In total, the Regulatory Committee has considered 9 Street Trading consents up to the end of February with at least another 1 planned for March 2010.
- 2.4 The Committee has been involved in partnership work with South Northamptonshire Council to tackle the cross boundary illegal private hire trade in Milton Keynes. Illegal plying for hire from across the boundary has been a pressing concern for the taxi trade, the Committee and for public safety, as such plying for hire deprives local firms of proper fares. The drivers are not accountable to the Regulatory Committee directly.
- 2.5 The Committee has endeavoured to tackle the problem via joint working with South Northamptonshire Council on both the Member and officer level. A meeting was held between Members and officers of Milton Keynes Council and South Northamptonshire Council. This work has culminated in a joint statement between Milton Keynes Council and South Northamptonshire Council that had been approved at the 11 November 2009 Regulatory Committee.
- 2.6 The Committee has completed a review of the street trading arrangements of a number of streets within Milton Keynes. A large number of streets have had their status changed to that of a prohibited street or a consent street which will allow for greater control of hot food trading vehicles and their trading hours.