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MEETING	LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE	1 SEPTEMBER 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS NIMMO (CHAIR), BARTLETT (VICE-CHAIR), HORTON, B WATSON AND I WAUDBY

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## **PART A - MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point, Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they had in the business on the agenda. No Members declared any interests.

### **6. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

### **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there were no registrations to speak under the council's Public Participation Scheme.

### **8. REVISED MEDICAL STANDARDS FOR LICENSED TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS**

Members considered a report that examined the current medical standards for licensed taxi and private hire drivers with particular interest to diabetes.

The Authority had previously adopted the group 2 standards as its medical requirement for licensed drivers, and this standard precluded those who were insulin dependant diabetics from driving public carriage vehicles. The report also detailed the requirements for drivers holding a C1 licence which permitted insulin dependant persons to drive certain vehicles subject to stricter monitoring and annual medical assessment.

Following consultation with various interested bodies, the report highlighted that both the CYC Occupational Health Advisor and a Consultant Physician in Diabetes & Endocrinology, supported the proposal to relax the standards for the licensing of insulin dependant drivers, in line with those relating to C1 drivers and subject to strict medical monitoring.

Members were informed that the European Driver Licensing Committee had met in February 2006 but a report from the Diabetes working group which would provide specific advice with regard to the medical standards applied to taxi drivers had yet to be produced. Also, that the licensing authority was currently involved in an appeal in the Magistrates Court in relation to the Council's current policy on the issue.

Members were asked to consider two options:

- *To retain the existing standards in relation to the application of the full Group 2 medical standards in line with that for public carriage vehicles for licensed taxi and PHV drivers which precludes licensing drivers with insulin dependent diabetes until further advice is received from the DVLA.*
- Apply the C1 exemption in line with the policy now applied by the Public Carriage Office which allows those drivers who are insulin dependent to be licensed as taxi/PHV drivers subject to strict medical monitoring.

RECOMMENDED: That Option 1 be approved.

REASON: To ensure the safety of the general public.

## **PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

### **9. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - PARISH OF CLIFTON WITHOUT**

Members considered a report regarding the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Clifton Without following a request to reduce the number of parish councillors from fifteen to ten due to a failure in the past to recruit fifteen members.

A review took place between 1 July and 1 August 2006, during which time, no comments or representation were received.

Members were asked to consider two options:

- To reduce the number of parish councillors from fifteen to ten to provide the parish with a fully elected membership.
- Not to reduce the membership of the Clifton Without Parish Council which would result in the parish council not having a full membership quota.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- i. the number of parish councillors for the Clifton Without Parish Council be reduced from fifteen to ten and that the reduction takes place at the election of parish council members be held at the ordinary election of parish councillors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2007
- ii. the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services be authorised to take any necessary action to make the local Order.

REASON: To benefit the democratic process by encouraging a fully elected membership.

Cllr Nimmo  
Chair

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.20 pm.