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MEETING	LICENSING & REGULATORY COMMITTEE
DATE	2 JUNE 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**

### **1. 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.

### **2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 be approved with the following amendment:

That minute 11 'Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Licence Vetting Procedure' be amended so that the first sentence of the fifth paragraph should read: 'Councillor B Watson requested recording that he had grave reservations regarding the procedure for applicants to provide a Certificate of Good Conduct as *referred to in Section b below*'.

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

## PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

### 4. ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - PARISH OF CLIFTON WITHOUT

This report outlined Clifton Without Parish Council's request that the number of parish councillors elected to the parish council be reduced from fifteen members to ten members.

Members were presented with the following Options:

**Option One** - Members may agree to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Clifton Without.

**Option Two** - Members may refuse to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the Parish of Clifton Without.

Members discussed the number of Parish Councillors sitting at present and it was reported that there were 10. Members discussed reference to 'detering elections' in paragraph 8 of the report, as there were more seats than nominees meaning an election would not be necessary.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- (i) **Option One** be approved.
- (ii) In accordance with the Local Government and Rating Act 1997 Section 17(2) it be agreed that a review of the electoral arrangements be carried out for the Parish of Clifton Without by consulting with:
  - a. Ward Members for the Skelton, Rawcliffe and Clifton Without Ward in which the parish lies
  - b. The Yorkshire Local Councils Association
- (iii) That recommendations be reported to a future meeting of the committee.

REASON: Consultation to take place with relevant bodies to ensure the reduction in the number of parish councillors would be beneficial to the democratic process.

Councillor G Nimmo  
Chair

The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 2.05 pm.