

Licensing Committee – 4th December 2007

8. Licensing Sub-Committees

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Purpose of the Report

The Committee is asked to review the working of the Licensing Sub-Committees and to agree to continue operating the rota.

Recommendation

To agree that the Licensing Sub-Committees continue on a rota basis and to agree the rota for the remainder of the municipal year 2007-08.

Background

At its meeting on 7th August 2007 the Licensing Committee agreed that Licensing/Taxi Sub-Committees would be scheduled on every Friday morning. A rota of five teams of Licensing Committee members was established to start in September.

Report

The number of Licensing sub-committees has fallen considerably in recent months and five sub-committees have been convened, including three taxi licensing sub-committees, and one of those was subsequently cancelled. The rota system has worked reasonably well for the first three months although some members have stated that they find it difficult to attend meetings on Fridays. On occasions it has been necessary for the Committee Administrator to ask a member from the third or fourth team on the rota when members have been unavailable.

It is recommended that the rota system continues for the Licensing Sub-Committees and attached at Appendix A is an updated rota up until the end of the Council year in May 2008.

Financial Implications

None

Implications for Corporate Priorities

None

Background Papers: Report to Licensing Committee 7th August 2007 – Licensing Sub-Committee 2007/8 Membership and Delegation