

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**15 August 2002  
(2.00 – 3.00pm)**PRESENT:** Councillors Knowles (Chair), Hipkin, Liddle, and J Rosenstiel

Also Present: Councillor Blencowe, as a Ward Councillor, for Item 6

[Representatives from the Police and Fire Services were in attendance during the Committee's consideration of public entertainment licences.]

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****02/m/66 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 13 June 2002 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**02/m/67 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Cowell and Overhill.

**02/m/68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Liddle declared a personal interest as she attended events at the Portland Arms.

Councillor Knowles declared a personal interest as the Portland Arms was in the ward she represented.

Councillor Joye Rosenstiel declared a personal interest as one of her children was a classmate of the petitioners referred to in Item 5.

**02/m/69 HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE REVIEW 2002/03**

The report by the Head of Transport Services set out a request from the Cambridge Licensed Taxi Owners Association to consider two proposals regarding the Hackney Carriage fare structure which were set out in a letter appended to the report.

The Head of Transport Services had subsequently reviewed the recommendation made in his report in the light of the arguments presented by the Association and concluded that the Council should not pursue the 'raw materials + fuel' inflation rate indicator as a means of calculating increased costs. This method had been agreed by Council in June 2000 as a means of determining future increases until 2005, unless circumstances dictated that it should be reviewed earlier. Applying this indicator in 2002/03 would result in a decrease of 2.5% in fares. It was suggested that the Council revert to applying the percentage applied to London Hackney Carriage fares. Over the two year period 2000/2002, London fares had increased by 9.5%; in 2000/01 the City's fees had increased by 6.6%.

Councillor J Rosenstiel proposed that the City's Hackney Carriage fares be increased by 3% which would bring the increase over the period 2000/2002 to 9.6%. The Head of Transport Services pointed out that the proposed increase would have to be publicly advertised and further discussion be held with the Association and other representatives of the trade.

The Association's representative spoke in support of the options set out in their letter and pointed out the benefits of using the London rate of increase.

**Resolved that**

1. the Head of Transport Services take the necessary steps to advertise and consult on the application of a 3% increase to Hackney Carriage fares in the City
2. in considering increases in fares in future, the rate of increase applied to London Hackney Carriage fares be taken into account.

02/m/70      **SPIDERMAN AND THE BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION**

The report by the Head of Legal Services set out the background to a petition received from young people in Cambridge, represented by Dean Petipher, requesting the grant of a lesser certificate to the film 'Spiderman' which had been given a '12' certificate by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC). The options under current legislation were set out in the report, together with the BBFC's rationale for the certification of the film.

Recent information had become available on the Board's proposal to amend the mandatory '12' certificate to an advisory '12A' certificate. Subject to an adult accompanying the child, children younger than 12 would be able to see '12A' certificated films.

The Committee considered the implications of changing the classification within the city and the effects of the BBFC's proposed change in certification. Councillor Liddle did not agree that the '12' certificate should be accepted.

**Resolved** (by 3 votes to 1)

1. accept the '12' certificate given to Spiderman by the British Board of Film Classification;
2. thank Dean Petipher and his friends for the effort they have taken to submit the petition and for the interest they have shown.
3. advise the Board that it supports the proposal for a '12A' certificate to replace the present '12' certificate allowing for some exercise of parental judgment and discretion and ask that it be implemented as soon as possible.

02/m/71      **SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE APPLICATIONS:  
SUPPLEMENTARY PROCEDURES**

The report by the Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy set out the background to the processing of licence applications for Sex Establishments and a number of matters which had arisen as a result of their issue. These related to the procedures needed to deal with applications for the grant, renewal and transfer of new and existing licences, standard conditions to licences and relevant fees. Two licences were current, the Licence for 'The Private Shop' at 38 Chesterton Road would expire on 11 October 2002, and that for 'The XXX Zone' at 118/120 Newmarket Road would expire on 12 December 2002, both licensees were expected to apply to renew their licences. Consideration of an application to renew the licence for 'The Private Shop' would necessitate a special meeting of the Committee being called, possibly in mid-October.

Members reviewed the draft application form for a Sex Establishment licence and made a number of amendments; these included:

On the Application form:

- Q 15 – delete
- Q 17 – delete
- Q 18 – delete
- Q 20 – delete
- Q 21 & 22 – reword to require information on appearance
- Q 26 – include reference to Rehabilitation of Offenders Act

On the Guidance Note accompanying the Form:

- Note 7 – delete requirement for Audited Accounts

Members also noted the need for proper consultation in the relevant wards and with Ward Councillors.

**Resolved**

1. To approve the publicity arrangements in the lead up to the grant, renewal or transfer of licence applications.
2. To approve the procedure set out in the report for dealing with applications to either renew or transfer existing sex establishment licences.
3. To approve model standard conditions appended to the report which may be applicable to premises where a licence has been granted.
4. To approve the following application fees for the grant, renewal and transfer of licences:

Initial licence application: £3,000  
Renewal or transfer of licence: £500

**02/m/72 AMUSEMENT WITH PRIZES PERMIT**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy reported that an application had been received from the following for an 'Amusement with Prizes Permit' under Section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968:

Applicant: Messrs Bill Stewart and Tony Sumner  
Premises: CABCO A1 Taxis, Kirkwood Road, Cambridge, CB4 2PF

This is the first application received by these persons for this premises. No objections have been made to the application by the Police and no objections have been received from the public following the public advertisement.

**Resolved** that an 'Amusement with Prizes Permit' be issued.

**02/m/73 VARIATION OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE:  
CARPENTER'S ARMS**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy (HEHWS) presented a report which described an application for variation to the public entertainment licence to permit an increased number of events from 2 events per month, to up to 60 events per year and to raise the capacity from 55 to 100 people, taking into account the relevant comments and concerns of the public, the Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Environmental Health & Waste Strategy. Consideration of this application had been deferred at the Committee's last meeting, to enable monitoring to be carried out, following representations from local residents.

**Resolved** that a variation to the public entertainment licence be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. Events to be held between 8.00 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Fridays or Saturdays (days to be specified by the applicant)
2. Numbers admitted: 100
3. 2 exits
4. 1x2l AFFF and 1x CO2 extinguisher
5. Doors and windows to remain closed during performances
6. No more than two events to be held per month until insulation work has been carried out to the satisfaction of HEHWS, and thereafter not more than one event per week.

**02/m/74 VARIATION OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: FACULTY OF  
MUSIC, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy (HEHWS) presented a report which described an application for variation to the public entertainment licence to extend the hours to Sundays with events to finish before 10.30 and to include the recital room in the licence, taking into account the relevant comments and concerns of the public, the

Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Environmental Health & Waste Strategy.

**Resolved** that a variation to the public entertainment licence be approved, subject to the following additional conditions:

1. Existing conditions to apply
2. Sunday – events to finish before 10.30pm
3. Numbers admitted to the recital room – 200
4. No of Exits in recital room – 2
5. Fire equipment in recital room – 2 x 9L water extinguishers, 1 x CO2 extinguisher.
6. Maintained illuminated 'exit' signs to be provided throughout.

02/m/75      **VARIATION OF A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE: PORTLAND ARMS PH**

The Head of Environmental Health and Waste Strategy (HEHWS) presented a report which described an application for variation to the public entertainment licence to permit 7 events per week, Monday – Sunday 7.30pm to 12 midnight and to increase the capacity from 70 to 240, taking into account the relevant comments and concerns of the public, the Police, Fire and Rescue Service and Environmental Health & Waste Strategy.

**Resolved** that a variation to the public entertainment licence be approved, subject to the following conditions:

1. 7 events may be held each week, between 7.30 p.m. – 11 p.m., Monday – Saturday, 7.30 p.m. -10.30 p.m. Sunday.
2. Numbers admitted: 240 (standing only)
3. 3 exits
4. 1x 9l AFFF and 1x 2.5 kg CO2 extinguisher
5. 3 illuminated, maintained "EXIT" signs
6. Doors and windows to be kept closed during events
7. 2 Stewards to be easily identifiable
8. No events to be held until a scheme of noise insulation has been agreed and installed to the satisfaction of HEHWS; a satisfactory certificate of electrical safety has been submitted to HEHWS for the extended premises and works required by the Fire Officer have been satisfactorily completed

02/m/76      **PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES: TRANSFER OF NAMES (FOR INFORMATION): 5TH AVENUE**

The Committee noted the transfer of licensees' names shown below:

**5th Avenue:** was: P Armitage, S Loftus, E Seaman & JM Winter  
now: S Loftus, E Seaman, C Walters & J Winter

**CHAIR**