



Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 22 February 2012

Subject: Horse drawn carriages for pleasure rides along Eastbourne seafront

Report of: Councillor Steve Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2012 as set out below.

Further copies of the report to Cabinet are available on request – please see end of this report. A copy may be seen on the Council’s website at:

<http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/meetings/cabinet/>

The Council is recommended to:-

Delegate the administration of the related licensing arrangements, including the setting of fees and operating conditions, to the General Licensing Committee.

**Minute Extract
CABINET 8 February 2012**

***101 Horse drawn carriages for pleasure rides along Eastbourne seafront**

- 101.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Development and Environment. The Council had been approached by “James The Carriage Company”, a business based in the South East, which had made a preliminary enquiry, as they proposed to offer horse drawn carriage pleasure rides along Eastbourne Seafront. A horse drawn carriage could not be licensed as a standard hackney carriage vehicle, however, such vehicles could be licensed as an omnibus under the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1889, and were regulated by byelaws made under Section 6 of the Act, as incorporated with the Public Health Act 1875. This enabled the Council to prescribe the route, designate pick up and drop off points and impose operating conditions on a licence.
- 101.2 Following initial meetings last year, a short, formal trial had been undertaken to test the route, and to ascertain the appropriateness of the proposal. This had demonstrated that suitable mechanisms could be employed to enable all other vehicles and pedestrians to pass safely. Consequently the highway authority had approved the suggested route.

Further details of the licensing requirements, proposed route, time of operation were given in the report.

*101.3 **Resolved (key decision):** (1) That horse drawn carriages be licensed within the borough.

(2) That full Council be recommended to delegate the administration of the related licensing arrangements, including the setting of fees and operating conditions, to the General Licensing Committee.

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