

JOINT REGULATORY SERVICE COMMITTEE
9 FEBRUARY 2016

(10.00 am - 11.27 am)

PRESENT London Borough of Merton (LBM)
Councillors Judy Saunders and Nick Draper.
Borough of Richmond upon Thames (LBRUT)
Councillors Pamela Fleming and Rita Palmer.

ALSO PRESENT Jon Freer (Assistant Director, Development and Street Scene, LBRUT), Paul Foster (Head of the Regulatory Services Partnership), John Hill (Head of Public Protection, LBM), John Hillarby (Trading Standards Manager) and Lisa Jewell (Democratic Services Officer, LBM)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

There were no apologies for absence

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

RESOLVED

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2015 were agreed as a correct record

4 THE FOOD HYGIENE RATING SYSTEM (Agenda Item 4)

The Committee noted the information provided in the report, that had been requested at the last meeting, regarding the national Food Hygiene Rating System. The Committee stated that they wanted to drive up standards, not close premises down and that competition was a good way to achieve this.

The Committee discussed the Curry Master Chief competition that had previously been run, with great success by LBM. It was noted that this competition had been open to entries from all Asian and Sri Lankan restaurants in the borough, with the key point being that all premises had to reach a certain minimum standard of hygiene before they could enter. The Committee agreed to ask Officers to consider re-launching the Curry Master Chief competition across the Joint Service area and to investigate sponsorship for the competition.

Members agreed that The Committee should lobby MPs to make the display of Food Hygiene Rating Scores mandatory on the frontage of all restaurants and fast food outlets.

RESOLVED:

The Joint Regulatory Committee noted the contents of the Report

5 FUTURE DATES OF JOINT REGULATORY SERVICES COMMITTEE
2016/17 (Agenda Item 5)

The Committee agreed the following dates for the meetings to be held in 2016/17, all at Merton Civic Centre:

Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 10am

Tuesday 4 October 2016 at 10am

Tuesday 7 February 2017 at 10am

6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (Agenda Item 6)

RESOLVED

That the press and public were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following reports on the grounds that they were exempt from disclosure for the reasons stated in the reports.

7 FEES AND CHARGES (Agenda Item 7)

The Head of Regulatory services presented his report on Fees and Charges across the Regulatory Service.

Members noted and discussed the contents of the report, and concluded by asking officers to determine the costs associated with the provision of discretionary fees and charges across the Joint Regulatory Service

RESOLVED

The Joint Regulatory Committee:

- A. noted the current situation with Fees and Charges across the Joint Regulatory Service
- B. provided Officers with guidance on the future approach to be used when setting Fees and charges