ITEM 9

19/20 Boat and Boatmen Licensing

The Committee considered a report from the Interim Director of Public Protection and Streetpride. The Head of Environmental Protection, Housing Standards, Licensing, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity presented the report and explained to the Committee that the report contained an outline of Section 94 Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 (The Act) relating to the licensing of pleasure boats and/or vessels and boatmen along with the steps required to adopt such legislation.

This report had been brought to the Committee following on from a proposal to operate pleasure boat trips along a stretch of the River Derwent. The Head of Environmental Protection, Housing Standards, Licensing, Emergency Planning and Business Continuity explained that if Council adopt The Act it would give the local authority to grant licenses for pleasure boats/vessels, either for let or for carrying passengers and to also grant licenses to the persons in charge of navigating the vessels. The local authority would also be able to stipulate the terms and conditions of the licence and be able to charge an annual fee as deemed appropriate. The Licensing Team would be responsible for the administration and compliance of these licenses ensuring that such activities are carried out in a safe and controlled framework.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report
- 2. Approve referral to Full Council for adoption of the Act into the Council Constitution