

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Sub-Committee**
held on Thursday, 6th August, 2009 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall,
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors G Baxendale, B Dykes, J Goddard and C Tomlinson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr M Janes, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Mrs K Khan, Solicitor
Mrs V Robson, Licensing Officer
Mrs J Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

12 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Whiteley be appointed Chairman.

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

16 09/01 APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM DISPLAY OF PLATES

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for an exemption certificate to exempt two vehicles from the requirement to display signage as required by condition 7 of the Cheshire East Borough Council's Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Conditions and from the requirement under condition 8 to display licence plates to the front and rear of the vehicles.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the application fell within the Council's policy for determination by the Sub-Committee. Accordingly the hearing had been convened to enable the Sub-Committee to determine whether the application for exemption from the requirement to display licence plates on the vehicles in question should be granted.

The applicant attended the hearing and made representations in respect of his application.

After a full hearing of the application and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that after taking account of all of the evidence, including the applicant's oral representations, the following course of action had been agreed.

RESOLVED - That an exemption from the requirement to display the Council's Private Hire licence plates on two licensed vehicles be granted and that condition 10 of the Council's Private Hire Vehicle conditions be applied to the vehicles in question.

17 09/02 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the application fell within the Council's policy for determination by the Sub-Committee. Accordingly the hearing had been convened to enable the Sub-Committee to determine whether the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted.

The applicant attended the hearing and made representations in respect of his application.

After a full hearing of the application and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that after taking account of all of the evidence, including the applicant's oral representations, the following course of action had been agreed.

RESOLVED – That the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence at this moment in time, as insufficient time has elapsed since his conviction, and that the application be refused.

18 09/03 APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the application fell within the Council's policy for determination by the Sub-Committee. Accordingly the

hearing had been convened to enable the Sub-Committee to determine whether the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted.

The applicant attended the hearing and made representations in respect of his application. A friend of the applicant also attended the hearing and made representations in support of the applicant.

After a full hearing of the application and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that after taking account of all of the evidence, including the applicant's oral representations, the following course of action had been agreed.

RESOLVED – That the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence and that the application for a licence be granted.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)