

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**  
held on Monday, 29th March, 2010 at The Capesthorne Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1DX

## **PRESENT**

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)  
Councillor D Bebbington (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, G Baxendale, H Davenport, S Davies, B Dykes,  
L Gilbert, J Goddard, M Parsons, A Ranfield and C Tomlinson

## **OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mrs K Khan (Licensing Solicitor) and Mr P Simester (Licensing Officer)

## **82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors T Beard, Mrs E N Gilliland and M Hardy.

## **83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

## **84 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

In accordance with Procedure Rules 11 and 35, a representative from the Taxi Trade indicated that he wished to address the Committee in relation to purchasing a Hybrid vehicle which he wanted to licence but which currently did not meet the terms and conditions of the Licensing Service in terms of the vehicles length.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that his comments would be noted and relayed to the appropriate Licensing Officer for consideration.

## **85 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED

That the minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **86 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 28 January 2010, 2 February 2010 and 8 February 2010 be approved as correct records.

**87 FEES AND CHARGES - GAMBLING ACT 2005**

The Committee considered a report detailing information on proposed fees and charges in relation to the Gambling Act 2005 for the 2010/11 financial year.

The Officer reported an amendment to Appendix One in relation to the proposed annual fee for Betting Premises (excluding tracks) which had originally been included in the report at £615.00. The amendment reduced this to £600.00 as this is the maximum fee which may be charged in accordance with the relevant secondary legislation.

A suggestion was made that the charges should be increased, however Legal advice was provided indicating that section 212 of the Gambling Act 2005 prescribes that fee levels should equate as nearly as possible to the costs of providing the service.

Further questions were asked by Members in relation to the spread of fees over the original three Boroughs and how the fees compared to Cheshire West and Chester Council.

RESOLVED

That the proposed fees as set out in Appendix One of the report be approved subject to the amendment as outlined above.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.25 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)