

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Sub Committee**  
held on Thursday, 19th December, 2024 in the Council Chamber, Municipal  
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

## **PRESENT**

Councillor R Kain (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)  
Councillors T Dean and A Heler

## **OFFICERS**

Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader  
Tracey Billington, Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Garry Coghlan, Lawyer  
Sam Jones, Democratic Services Officer

## **15 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor R Kain be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

## **16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

### **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 as amended on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

## **18 CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS TO HOLD A JOINT HACKNEY / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding whether the license holder remained a fit and proper person to be the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence.

The licence holder had been the subject of an incivility and over charging complaint and was interviewed under caution with regard to the complaint.

The matter was referred to Licensing Sub Committee to determine the future of their Joint Driver licence with Cheshire East Council.

The licence holder and witness both attended the hearing and made representations in respect of the case.

After a full hearing, and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chair of the Sub-Committee reported that, after taking account of all the evidence, the following course of action had been agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

To suspend the Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence for a period of 28 days under section 61 (1) (b) and section 61 (2B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 on the grounds of public safety with immediate effect and require the driver to retake their safeguarding training at their own cost.

The meeting commenced at 10.03 am and concluded at 11.20 am

Councillor R Kain (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)