

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee**
held on Monday, 11th April, 2011 at Delamere 2, Floor 6, Delamere House,
Delamere Street, Crewe CW1 2JZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors D Bebbington, W S Davies, B H Dykes and L Gilbert

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S Dutton, Solicitor

Mrs V Robson, Licensing Officer

Mrs J Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

56 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor P Whiteley be appointed Chairman.

57 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

59 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 7 as appropriate of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

60 10-11/21 - CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS TO HOLD A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding the holder of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence who had been arrested and interviewed by Cheshire Police in relation to alleged offences. On 1 April 2010, the Strategic Director (Places) had suspended the holder's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence until such time as the charges had been determined by the Courts. The original charges had now been determined by the Courts, and the original period of suspension had expired.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the matter 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 licence holder remained a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The licence holder and a representative of the licence holder attended the hearing and made representations.

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

RESOLVED

- (a) That consideration of the matter be deferred in order for further evidence to be obtained from the police.
- (b) That, due to the seriousness of the allegations and in the interests of public safety, the suspension of the holder's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be re-imposed with immediate effect.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.20 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)