

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Monday, 19th March, 2012 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)
Councillor W S Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rhoda Bailey, H Davenport, I Faseyi, L Gilbert, M Hardy,
A Harewood, D Mahon, M Parsons and M Sherratt

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D Hawkes, Team Leader Investigations
Mrs K Khan, Solicitor
Mrs J Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies

Councillors C Andrew, D Bebbington, L Smetham and G Wait

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

In accordance with Procedure Rules 11 and 35, Mr Gillick, Mr Stennett
and Mr Wilcock addressed the Committee in relation to Item 6: Hackney
Carriage Tariffs.

24 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2012
be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee
meetings held on 9 January 2012, 3 February 2012 and 6 February 2012
and the General Licensing Sub-Committee meeting held on 31 January
2012 be received.

26 HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS

The Committee considered a report regarding the harmonisation of the 'table of fares' across the three hackney carriage zones within the Borough.

At its meeting on 16 January 2012, the Committee had resolved that (a) subject to consultation, the existing tariffs in the Congleton and Macclesfield hackney carriage zones be harmonised with those of the Crewe and Nantwich zone; and (b) that the Borough Solicitor, or officer acting on her behalf, be authorised to publish the relevant notices of variation, making provision for any objections to be submitted within the statutory consultation period of fourteen days.

During the statutory consultation period, the Council had received 18 individual objections to the proposed variations, two petitions with a total of 201 signatures from the Congleton zone, and one petition from the Macclesfield zone with 152 signatures. The matter had therefore been referred back to the Committee for determination.

RESOLVED

- (a) That, following discussion between officers and representatives of the trade in each of the hackney carriage zones, the Head of Community Services be requested to produce a further report making recommendations in relation to proposed variations to the 'tables of fares', including recommendations relating to an equitable method of harmonising the tables of fares.
- (b) That the Head of Community Services be requested to submit an interim report on progress for consideration by the Committee at its next meeting.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.50 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)