

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Tuesday, 29th May, 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 C Andrew, Rhoda Bailey, D Bebbington, H Davenport, I Faseyi,
A Harewood, D Mahon, M Parsons and L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

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

Apologies

Councillors L Gilbert, M Hardy and M Sherratt

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the General Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 15 March 2012, 21 March 2012, 29 March 2012 and 30 April 2012 be received.

5 INTERIM REPORT ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFFS

The Committee considered a report regarding the progress which had been made with regard to harmonising the tables of fares in the three hackney carriage zones.

RESOLVED – That the following be noted:

- The steps which have been taken to date by officers in relation to informal consultation with the hackney carriage trade in each of the three hackney carriage zones with regard to the ‘table of fares’;
- The steps which officers propose to take to further progress this matter.

6 UPDATE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE LICENSING ACT 2003

The Committee considered a report regarding the changes to the Licensing Act 2003 brought about as a result of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and changes to the statutory guidance to local authorities issued under section 182 of the 2003 Act.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the content of the report in relation to the legislative changes be noted;
- (b) That the power to act on behalf of the Licensing Authority in its role as a responsible authority under the 2003 Act be delegated to the Consumer Protection and Investigations Manager, in order to ensure the proper separation between the Licensing Authority as a decision-maker under the 2003 Act and the Licensing Authority as a ‘responsible authority.’

7 KATE KHAN

The Chairman reported that Mrs K Khan, the Licensing Solicitor, would be commencing a period of maternity leave prior to the next meeting of the Committee. Committee Members thanked Kate for all her hard work in supporting the Licensing Committee and its Sub-Committees since the formation of Cheshire East Council, and wished her all the best for the forthcoming months.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.57 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)