CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 18th January, 2010 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

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

Councillors Rachel Bailey, G Baxendale, T Beard, H Davenport, B Dykes, E Gilliland, J Goddard, M Hardy, M Parsons and C Tomlinson

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mrs K Khan (Licensing Solicitor) and Mr T Potts (Interim Licensing Manager)

75 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rhoda Bailey, L Gilbert and A D Ranfield.

76 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

77 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

(This item was considered after minute no 79).

In accordance with Procedure Rules 11 and 35, two representatives from the Taxi Trade indicated that they wished to address the Committee on behalf of the trade in relation to a number of taxi licensing issues.

78 MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

79 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Licensing Sub Committee meetings held on 5 November 2009 (1.00pm), 12 November 2009 (10.00am), 23 November 2009 (1.00pm), 26 November 2009 (10.00am) and 16 December 2009 (1.00pm) be approved as correct records.

80 PROPOSED CONSULTATION RELATING TO THE POLICY OF LIMITING THE NUMBER OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES WITHIN THE CONGLETON ZONE (ZONE 1)

The Committee considered a report outlining the details of the current position in relation to the limit on the numbers of Hackney Carriage Licences within the Congleton zone (zone 1). The Committee was requested to give approval to the consultation exercise in relation to the policy.

RESOLVED

That the Licensing Committee authorise the Licensing Manager to carryout a consultation exercise, as set out within the report, relating to the policy of limiting the number of Hackney Carriages within the Congleton zone of the Council's area.

81 DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS - 'MINOR VARIATIONS' (UNDER SECTIONS 41A-C AND 86A-C OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003)

The Committee considered a report outlining changes to the Licensing scheme of delegation to take account of the 'minor variations' process introduced by the Legislative Reform (Minor Variations to Premises Licences and Club Premises Certificates) Order 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Licensing Committee delegate the power to determine applications under sections 41A-C and 86A-C of the Licensing Act 2003, including cases where relevant representations are received and not withdrawn, to the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.30 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)