CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee** held on Wednesday, 27th July, 2011 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1DX

PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, M Hardy and L Smetham

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr J Hopper (Licensing Officer) and Mrs K Khan (Licensing Solicitor)

9 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor P Whiteley be elected Chairman for the meeting.

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Sherratt.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

13 11-12/05 - APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the application 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 application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted.

The applicant attended the hearing and made representations in respect of his application.

After a full hearing of the application, 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 applicant's oral representations, the following course of action had been agreed.

RESOLVED -

The Sub-Committee determined that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence and therefore granted the application for a three year licence subject to the successful completion of the Council's hackney carriage/private hire theory test.

The Sub-Committee wished to emphasise that the role of taxi driver was one which involved a position of responsibility for the safety of the public. Therefore it was of great importance that taxi drivers followed the rules, both of the criminal law and also the conditions attached to the licence. The Sub-Committee would take a serious view of any breach of the conditions or any future convictions. The applicant was reminded that the conditions attached to the licence require the applicant to promptly report any convictions received to the Licensing Section.

14 11-12/06 - APPLICATION FOR A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

The applicant and his representative attended the meeting, whereby the applicant requested that the meeting to consider his application be adjourned.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and concluded at 10.30 am

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)