

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Licensing Committee**
held on Thursday, 23rd May, 2013 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, I Faseyi, M Hardy, D Mahon, M Parsons
and L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Fiona Crane, Lawyer
Kim Evans, Licensing Team Leader
Julie Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

Apologies

Councillors D Bebbington, H Davenport, A Harewood, M Sherratt and G Wait

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 5 November 2012
be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 MINUTES OF LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Licensing Act Sub-Committee
meetings held on 3 January 2013, 11 February 2013 and 11 March 2013
and the General Licensing Sub-Committee meetings held on 1 February
2013, 1 March 2013, 9 April 2013, 3 May 2013 and 8 May 2013 be
received.

5 DRAFT CHARITABLE COLLECTION POLICY

The Committee considered a report regarding a proposed Charitable
Collection Policy.

All applications were currently processed in accordance with the policy or working practice adopted in each of the former Boroughs, as the Council did not have a Borough-wide Charitable Collections Policy.

RESOLVED - That the Licensing Team Leader be authorised to undertake formal consultation on the proposed Charitable Collections Policy, subject to any necessary amendments being made to the first bullet point in paragraph 6.14.1.

6 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER KNOWLEDGE TEST

The Committee considered a report regarding proposed changes to the testing of applicants for joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licences.

During the course of research, it had become evident that many Licensing Authorities required applicants for driver licences to undergo a more formal testing process than that in place in Cheshire East, including the attainment of a national accredited and recognised qualification.

RESOLVED

- (a) That all applications for the grant of a Joint Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licence received with effect from 1 July 2013 be accompanied by a Certificate confirming that the applicant has passed the BTEC Level 2 Certificate in the introduction to the role of the Professional Taxi and Private Hire Driver.
- (b) That any application received prior to 1 July 2013 be processed in accordance with existing procedures.
- (c) That the Licensing Team Leader be granted delegated authority to agree and sign Service Level Agreements with the relevant colleges and set out how the application process would work in practice.
- (d) That the Licensing Team Leader be requested to investigate the feasibility of conducting physical assessments of applicants' driving skills and encouraging or requiring all licensed drivers to undertake the NVQ Certificate in Road Passenger Vehicle driving (Taxi and Private Hire Driver).

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 2.25 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)