# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee** held on Monday, 17th February, 2014 at The Tatton Room - Town Hall, Macclesfield SK10 1EA

### PRESENT

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)

Councillors C Andrew, Rhoda Bailey, A Harewood and M Parsons

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Fiona Crane, Solicitor Vilma Robson, Licensing Officer Jim Hopper, Licensing Officer

### 47 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

### **RESOLVED:**

That Councillor P Whiteley be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

## 48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

# 50 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 they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

Paragraph 1 - Information relating to any individual. Paragraph 2 - Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

# 51 13-14/22 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE AND THE REMOVAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE CONDITION

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence and the removal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle condition.

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 Vehicle Licence and the removal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle condition should be granted.

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

After a full hearing of the application including an inspection of the vehicle by the Committee, and in accordance with the rules of procedure, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee reported that, after taking account of all the evidence, the following course of action had been agreed.

#### RESOLVED

The Sub-Committee determined that for public safety reasons it would not apply an exemption to its vehicle conditions to allow a lap only type belt on the centre rear seat and therefore refused to grant a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

The Sub Committee noted that the applicant would be reminded of the right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

# 52 13-14/23 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/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 the 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, the following course of action had been agreed.

### RESOLVED

That the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, and it determined to grant the application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence, for a period of one year so that the applicant could show compliance with legal requirements.

The Sub Committee noted that the applicant would be reminded of the right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

## 53 13-14/24 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/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 and his wife attended the hearing and made representations in respect of the 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, the following course of action had been agreed.

### RESOLVED

That the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, and that the application for a licence be granted subject to the condition that the applicant has the continuing right of residency in UK and evidence of this is given to the Licensing Team when requested.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant would be reminded of the right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

(The meeting adjourned for lunch from 1.20pm until 2.00pm).

# 54 13-14/25 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/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 and his two representatives attended the hearing and made representations in respect of the 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, the following course of action had been agreed.

### RESOLVED

That the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, and that the application for a licence be granted.

## 55 13-14/26 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/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 the 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, the following course of action had been agreed.

RESOLVED - That the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, and that the application for a licence be refused.

The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant would be reminded of the right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 4.15 pm

Councillor P Whiteley (Chairman)