

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee**
held on Tuesday, 24th October, 2017 at Committee Suite 2/3 - Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor W S Davies (Chairman)

Councillors D Bebbington, C Chapman, M Parsons and L Smetham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Jones, Lawyer

Martin Kilduff, Licensing Officer

Julie Zientek, Democratic Services Officer

32 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – That Councillor S Davies be appointed Chairman.

33 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

35 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.

36 17-18/16 CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS TO HOLD A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding the holder of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the matter 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 licence holder remained a fit and proper person to hold a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence.

The licence holder attended the hearing and made representations in respect of the case.

After a full hearing, 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

- (a) That the licence holder is at this time a fit and proper person to hold a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence
- (b) That the Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be subject to a period of suspension for two weeks as a deterrent sanction.

The licence holder was reminded of the right to appeal this decision to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days.

37 17-18/17 APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding an application for the renewal of a Joint 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 the renewal of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence should be granted.

The applicant was not in attendance at the hearing.

After a full hearing, 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 at this time a fit and proper person to hold a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, and that the application for the renewal of a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver 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 11.15 am

Councillor W S Davies (Chairman)