

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **General Licensing Sub-Committee**  
held on Tuesday, 27th April, 2021 as a Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

### **PRESENT**

Councillors M Goldsmith, L Smetham, D Edwardes, J Wray and I Macfarlane

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Tracey Billington- Licensing Officer  
Kim Evans- Licensing Officer  
Nashwan Fazlani- Legal Officer  
Phil Jennings- Legal Officer  
Helen Davies- Democratic Services

Observing:

Stephen Medley-Daley- Legal Officer  
Josie Lloyd- Democratic Services

### **47 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED- That Councillor Mark Goldsmith be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

### **48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

### **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 as amended 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.

### **51 CONSIDERATION OF FITNESS TO HOLD A JOINT HACKNEY CARRIAGE /PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Sub-Committee considered a report regarding the renewal 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.

Note, the Chairman lost his connection to Microsoft Teams for approximately two hours between 11.30-13.30 at which point the meeting was adjourned until he could re-join. Once he had re-established his connection, the meeting continued.

RESOLVED- The application for a Joint Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be REFUSED on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 3.40 pm

Councillor Mark Goldsmith: Chairman (Chair)