

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 16th December 2008 at 9.30 am in the Reception Suite, Civic Offices, Telford

PRESENT: V.A.Fletcher (Chairman), E.J.Greenaway (Vice-Chairman), R.G.Chaplin, G.J.L.Davies, J.A.Francis, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason and C.F.Smith.

LC-34 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 2nd December 2008 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman subject to the addition of the word “list” in the first line of paragraph 8 of minute number LC-23.

Members were informed that following the approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 21st October 2008 and following further perusal of the relevant documentation it was apparent that two particular conditions had been incorrectly recorded and did not concur with the decision of the Committee. The particular conditions were within the Hackney Carriage Conditions – explanatory note to condition 9.1 and condition number 4.7 of the Private Hire Vehicle Conditions. Following confirmation to the Committee of the recorded decision of the Committee it was agreed that the conditions could be accordingly amended to accord with the Member’s decision.

LC-35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Y.C.Hicks, T.J.Hope, G.P.Hossell, H.Rhodes, K.L.Tomlinson and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G.J.L.Davies declared a personal although non-prejudicial interest in minute number LC-38 and indicated that he would retire from the meeting during the consideration and determination of this particular hearing.

LC-37 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

N.B. In accordance with his previously stated declaration of interest Councillor G.J.L.Davies left the meeting prior to the commencement of the next agenda item.

LC-38 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.S.S

Members were informed that the applicant was not in attendance, following confirmation of the correspondence that had been submitted to the Applicant, the receipt of legal advice from the Council’s solicitor and after consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that consideration and determination of this application be adjourned sine die.

N.B. Councillor G.J.L.Davies returned to the meeting at the conclusion of this particular agenda item.

LC-39 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.K.P

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council’s Licensing Operations Manager, the complainant and the licence holder in accordance with the hearings procedure and following consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – the Committee was satisfied that the Private Hire Driver did not pose a significant risk to public safety and could continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver by this Council. However a severe written warning as to the need for appropriate behaviour when acting as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver should be issued to the licensee with such warning remaining on his file.

LC-40 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.P.O

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council’s Licensing Operations Manager and the applicant in accordance with the hearings procedure and following consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that in accordance with Section 51 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver by this Council.

The meeting ended at 3.15 pm

Chairman:

Date: