

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Thursday, 22nd January 2009 at 9.30 am in the Reception Suite, Civic Offices, Telford

PRESENT: V.A.Fletcher (Chairman), E.J.Greenaway (Vice-Chairman), G.J.L.Davies, J.A.Francis, T.J.Hope, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes, C.F.Smith, K.L.Tomlinson and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-41 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 16th December 2008 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LC-42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R.G.Chaplin, Y.C.Hicks, and G.P.Hossell.

LC-43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G.J.L.Davies declared a personal although non-prejudicial interest in minute numbers LC-45 and LC-46 and indicated that he would retire from the meeting during the consideration and determination of these particular hearings.

Councillor A.A.Mackenzie declared a personal although non-prejudicial interest in minute number LC-46 and indicated that he would retire from the meeting during the consideration and determination of this particular hearing.

Councillor K.L.Tomlinson declared a personal although non-prejudicial interest in minute number LC-45 and indicated that she would retire from the meeting during the consideration and determination of this particular hearing.

LC-44 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 and for Councillor K.L.Tomlinson during the hearing when it became apparent that she felt that it was appropriate for her to declare an interest.

LC-45 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.J.A

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council's Licensing Operations Manager and witnesses and the licence holder, his legal representative and

witness in accordance with the hearings procedure and following consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – taking account of the circumstances and the licensee’s explanation in respect of the allegation 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 written warning as to the need for appropriate behaviour in the future when acting as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver should be issued to the licensee with such warning remaining on his file.

N.B. In accordance with their previously stated declarations of interest Councillors G.J.L.Davies and A.A.Mackenzie left the meeting prior to the commencement of the next agenda item.

LC-46 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.M.S

The Committee mindful of the time that had been spent on the previous private hearing considered that there was insufficient time in which to deal with this particular hearing and following consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the consideration and determination of this particular hearing should be adjourned to a later date.

The meeting ended at 5.00 pm

Chairman:

Date: