

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 29th September 2009 at 11.00 am in the Reception Suite, Civic Offices, Telford

PRESENT: V.A.Fletcher (Chairman), E.J.Greenaway (Vice-Chairman), R.G.Chaplin, J.A.Francis, Y.C. Hicks, T.J.Hope, T.Kiernan, A.A. Mackenzie (for minute items LC-44 to LC-48 inclusive and for minute item LC-50), C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes (for minute items LC-44 to LC-49 inclusive only), C.F.Smith, K.L. Tomlinson (for minute item LC-44 only) and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-44 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 1st September 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LC-45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors G.J.L.Davies and G.P.Hossell.

LC-46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

LC-47 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 exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972.

LC-48 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.JR – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE

The Committee were informed that the applicant was not in attendance. However, Members were advised that a representative on behalf of the applicant had contacted Democratic Services to advise that it was the intention of the applicant to withdraw his application. Members were further advised that the Democratic Services Officer had requested that the applicant should submit a letter confirming his intention that he wished to withdraw his application. It was confirmed to the Committee that no such letter had been received prior to the meeting.

It was noted by the Committee that this particular application had been submitted to the Committee on the 18th May 2009 where consideration and determination of this application had been adjourned to a future date to enable the applicant to attend the meeting.

Following discussion and consideration by the Committee, it was;

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

LC-49 **PRIVATE HEARING – MR.P.J – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE**

The Committee were informed that the applicant was not in attendance. However, Members were advised that the applicant had contacted the Licensing Service to advise that he would be unable to attend the meeting as he had secured alternative employment. It was mentioned to Members that following this conversation unsuccessful attempts had been made to contact the applicant in order to seek clarification as to whether the applicant wished to adjourn consideration of his application or to seek confirmation that he wished to withdraw his application. Unfortunately, it had not been possible for any further contact to be made between the Licensing Service and the applicant.

Following discussion and consideration by the Committee, it was;

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

LC-50 **PRIVATE HEARING – MR.K.S – APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE**

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

RESOLVED – that the Committee considered that they were not satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver and that accordingly his application should be refused.

The meeting ended at 3.30 pm.

Chairman:

Date: