

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Tuesday, 24th February 2009 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, Y.C.Hicks, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes, C.F.Smith and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-47 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 22nd January 2009 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LC-48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor T.J.Hope, G.P.Hossell and K.L.Tomlinson.

LC-49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor G.J.L.Davies declared a personal although non-prejudicial interest in minute number LC-53 and indicated that he would retire from the meeting during the consideration and determination of this particular hearing.

LC-50 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.

LC-51 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.A.M

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

RESOLVED – that taking account of the circumstances and the licensee's explanation in respect of the matters contained within the report the Committee was satisfied that the Private Hire Driver could continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver by this Council. However a written warning as to future conduct when acting as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver should be issued to the licensee with such warning remaining on his file.

LC-52 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.G.B

At the commencement of the hearing the Committee were advised that the applicant had not attended at the requested time and that this was the second occasion that he had failed to attend for his private hearing. It was further

noted that no communication had been received from the applicant to explain his non-attendance. After receiving the legal advice from the Council's Solicitor and subsequent consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that as a result of the circumstances and no communication having been received from the applicant it was determined that his application should be refused.

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-53 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.S.S

At the commencement of the hearing the Committee were advised that a letter seeking an adjournment had been received from the applicant to enable him to undertake the required medical to complete his application. Following the receipt of legal advice from the Council's Solicitor and subsequent consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the Private Hearing should be adjourned and reconvene on Tuesday 24th March 2009.

The meeting ended at 2.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: