

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday, 18th May 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, Y.C.Hicks, T.J.Hope, G.P.Hossell, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-77 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 20th April and 21st April 2009 be confirmed subject to the following amendments and signed by the Chairman.

20th April 2009 – that Councillor A.A.Mackenzie declared a prejudicial interest in relation to Minute Number LC-69 and confirmed that he did leave the meeting prior to the commencement of this particular item.

21st April 2009 – that Councillor E.J.Greenaway stated that the Declaration of Interest recorded under Minute Number LC-71 should be amended to read that she was the Borough Ward Member of Lawley & Overdale and not that she was a Parish Councillor of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council.

LC-78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors R.G.Chaplin, C.F.Smith and K.L.Tomlinson.

LC-79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor H.Rhodes declared a prejudicial interest in relation to agenda item 5 – Minute Number LC-81 and stated that she would leave the meeting prior to the commencement of this particular application.

LC-80 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 her earlier declaration of interest Councillor H.Rhodes left the meeting prior to the commencement of this particular agenda item.

LC-81 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.M.M

It was reported to Members that the applicant was not in attendance for the hearing and having received confirmation that the applicant had been properly advised of the arrangements for the hearing and following legal advice having been given and after discussion and consideration by the Committee. It was accordingly,

RESOLVED – that the private hearing in connection with Mr.M.M. should proceed in his absence.

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council's Licensing Operations Manager 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 licence application should be refused.

N.B. Councillor H.Rhodes returned to the meeting room following the conclusion of this particular agenda item.

LC-82 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.R.W

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 the Committee considered that they were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to be licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver and that accordingly his licence application should be approved.

LC-83 PRIVATE HEARING – MR.J.R

The Committee were informed that the applicant was not in attendance. However, Members were advised that the applicant had contacted Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting to advise that he was not able to attend at his hearing as a result of work commitments. Members were of the view that although the applicant had stated that he would be willing for the hearing to proceed in his absence, it was concluded that consideration and determination of the application should be adjourned to a future date to enable the applicant to attend.

Following a further discussion and consideration it was,

RESOLVED – that the consideration and determination of this application be deferred to a later date in order to provide opportunity for the applicant to attend.

The meeting ended at 12.45 pm.

Chairman:

Date: