

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Thursday, 12th November 2009 at 9.30 am in the Wrekin Room, Business Development Centre, Stafford Park 4, Telford

PRESENT: V.A.Fletcher (Chairman), E.J.Greenaway (Vice-Chairman), R.G.Chaplin, R.E.Groom, Y.C.Hicks, T.Kiernan, A.A.Mackenzie, C.N.Mason, H.Rhodes and C.F.Smith.

LC-74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors J.A.Francis, K.L.Tomlinson and A.G.P.Williams.

LC-75 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

LC-76 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

LC-77 MR.S.W. – REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER LICENCE

The Committee were informed by the Democratic Services Officer that on the 6th November that he had received an email from the solicitor who had previously been instructed by the licensee to confirm that he was no longer representing him. On the same date the Democratic Services Officer advised that he had written to the licensee to confirm the position and also to remind him of the Committee's decision that had been made on the 21st October 2009 when the original hearing was adjourned. The Committee were further informed that on the 10th November 2009 the licensee had written to the Democratic Services Officer confirming that he was unable to attend the resumed hearing and that he appreciated that the hearing would resume in his absence. Following the receipt of legal advice and consideration and discussion by the Committee, it was;

RESOLVED – that the private hearing should proceed in the absence of the Licensee.

After hearing the evidence presented by the Council's Licensing Operations Manager and her witness 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 remain licensed as a Private Hire Vehicle Driver and that accordingly his licence should be revoked.

The meeting ended at 11.35 am.

Chairman:

Date: