

SELBY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Licensing Committee held on Monday 12 February 2007, in Committee Room 2, The Civic Centre, Portholme Road, Selby, commencing at 10.00 am.

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Present: Councillor C Pearson in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs J Ashton, Mrs D Davies, Mrs J Dyson, B Marshall (for Mrs S Duckett), Mrs K McSherry and D Peart.

Officials: Assistant Solicitor and Committee Administrator

Press: 0

1492 **Apologies for Absence and Substitution**

Apologies were received from Councillors G Croston, Mrs S Duckett and J McCartney.

Substitute Councillor was Councillor B Marshall (for Mrs S Duckett).

1493 **Disclosure of Interest**

Councillor Mrs Ashton declared a personal interest in minute number 1499 and informed the Committee that she would leave the Committee Room whilst this item was discussed.

1494 **Minutes**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 15 January 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.

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Procedure

The Procedure was noted.

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Vice-Chair's Address to the Licensing Committee

The Vice-Chair gave no address to the Committee.

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Private Session

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, as there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Section 12A of the Act, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

1498

Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Skoda Superb, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined the details of the case.

The driver concerned outlined his reasons for the application and produced his accounts. Councillors questioned the driver as to the circumstances of the application.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted in respect of the vehicle, with the vehicle being exempted from the requirement for it to be fully accessible to the disabled, on the basis that hardship grounds had been satisfied.

Councillor Mrs Ashton left the Committee Room for the following item.

1499

Application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

Councillors received the report of the Head of Service – Legal and Democratic Services for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Licence for a Volkswagen Passat, a vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled.

The Licensing Officer outlined the details of the case.

The applicant informed councillors that he was not financially able to purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle. His accounts were examined and as a consequence councillors questioned the basis of his application.

In addition, the applicant suggested his North Yorkshire County Council contracts could only be undertaken by a saloon car and he would be financially penalised if he had to replace his current vehicle with a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

This was refuted by the Licensing Officer who had been in contact with North Yorkshire County Council to contradict this assertion.

After a full and detailed discussion it was agreed that the application be refused as the applicant did not meet the exemption on the grounds of financial hardship.

Resolved:

That the application for a hackney carriage licence for a vehicle not accessible to the disabled be refused.

Councillor Mrs Ashton returned to the Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 11:10 am.