

Minutes

Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room 2
Date:	4 July 2011
Present:	Councillors R Sayner, Mrs S Duckett, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors K Ellis and Mrs P Mackay
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Licensing Enforcement Officer, Karen Mann – Democratic Service Officer

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sayner expressed a Personal Interest with regard to Item 6 as the Councillor is a relative of a Director of a company listed in the referee appendices.

10. MINUTES

Resolved:

To receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee, once an amendment to the apologies is made, held on 6 June 2011 and they are signed by the Chair.

11. PROCEDURE

The Procedure was noted.

12. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair updated members that there is a new Enforcement Team, lead by Tim Grogan and Simon Scarrott. Tim Grogan introduced the team to members. The team comprises of Rachel Howden, Hazel Walsh, Ann Kirkby and Dawn Benton. The Enforcement Team cover Licensing, Planning, Environmental Health, Housing, Revenues, Pollution and Benefits Fraud.

The applicant for Item 6 had not arrived therefore the committee moved to Private Session to consider Item 9 on the agenda.

13. 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.

14. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Report L11/6 considered whether an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted. The applicant was in attendance to apply for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with his application and then the Committee considered their decision.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note Report L11/6**
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence**

15. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER

Report L11/5 informed the Licensing Committee of a complaint received about a Licensed Private Hire Driver.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant about the complaint and then the Committee considered their decision.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note the report L11/5**
- ii) That a written warning be issued to the Private Hire Driver and that warning to be held on his file for a period of 6 months.**

THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO MOVE TO PUBLIC SESSION.

16. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

Report L11/4 considered whether an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence be granted and that the licence be discreet in manner. The applicant was in attendance.

The Licensing Officer outlined details of the case.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant about his application and then the Committee considered their decision.

RESOLVED:

- i) To receive and note the report L11/4**
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence**

The meeting closed at 10.55am.