

# Minutes

# Licensing Committee

Venue: Committee Room

Date: 5 March 2012

Present: Councillors Mrs S Duckett, K Ellis, Mrs C Mackman, B Marshall, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs S Ryder, R Sayner (Chair), R Sweeting and J Thurlow.

Apologies for Absence: None

Officers Present: Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer, Simon Scarrott – Senior Enforcement Officer and Karen Mann – Democratic Services Officer

# 67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

#### 68. MINUTES

**Resolved:** 

To receive and approve the minutes from the Licensing Hearing on the 13 January 2012 and they be signed by the Chair.

To receive and approve the minutes of the Licensing Committee held on the 6 February 2012, with an amendment to note Councillor K Ellis was in attendance, and they be signed by the Chair.

#### **69. PROCEDURE**

The Procedure was noted.

#### 70. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair addressed the committee and asked that they agree to not holding a meeting in June. This was approved by the committee.

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A discussion took place with regard to disclosure of information between North Yorkshire County Council and District Councils. The committee were informed that there would be a meeting between the Solicitors of each council within North Yorkshire to discuss sharing of information.

A letter to the local MP would be written informing him of the particular difficulties in obtaining information from NYCC.

### 71. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the **Report L/11/20** for the committee to consider whether an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence, discreet in manner, be granted.

The Senior Enforcement Officer outlined 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 the report
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Discreet Private Hire Vehicle Licence

#### 72. APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented **Report L11/21** for the committee to consider whether an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence, discreet in manner, be granted.

The Senior Enforcement Officer outlined the case.

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

A vote took place and the Chair of the Committee used the casting vote.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- iii) To receive and note the report
- iv) To APPROVE the application for a Discreet Private Hire Vehicle Licence

#### 73. 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,

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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

#### 74. ISSUE CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOUR OF A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented **Report L11/22** for the committee to consider if the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person, in connection with a complaint about his behaviour.

The Senior Enforcement Officer outlined details of the case.

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) To receive and note the report
- ii) That the applicant be given a WRITTEN WARNING to be held on file for 12 months

#### 75. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented **Report L11/23** for the committee to consider if the applicant was a 'fit and proper' person in connection with his medical fitness to drive.

The Senior Enforcement Officer outlined details of the case.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant. The Committee considered their decision.

#### **RESOLVED**:

- i) To receive and note the report
- ii) That the applicant be REFUSED a Private Hire Vehicle Licence on the grounds of medical fitness

#### 76. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented **Report L11/24** for the committee to consider whether an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted. The applicant was in attendance to apply for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Senior Enforcement Officer outlined details of the case.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant. The Committee considered their decision.

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# **RESOLVED**:

- i) To receive and note the report
- ii) To APPROVE the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence

The meeting closed at 12.31pm.