

# Minutes

## Licensing Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	2 June 2014
Present:	Councillors R Sayner (Chair), K Ellis (Vice Chair), Mrs S Duckett, Mrs P Mackay, Mrs C Mackman, Mrs K McSherry, Mrs S Ryder, R Sweeting and J Thurlow
Apologies for Absence:	B Marshall
Officers Present:	Caroline Fleming - Senior Solicitor, Tim Grogan – Senior Enforcement Officer and Palbinder Mann – Democratic Services Officer

### 1. MINUTES

It was pointed out that the closing time for the Licensing Hearing on 24 April 2014 should read 10.30am not 10.30pm.

It was also stated that the word ‘premises licence’ was missing from the reasons for decision for the minutes from the Licensing Hearing on 28 April 2014.

#### RESOLVED:

**To APPROVE the minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 28 April 2014 and the Licensing Hearings held on the 7 April 2014, 24 April 2014 and 28 April 2014 with the above amendments and they be signed by the Chair.**

### 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. PROCEDURE

The procedure was noted.

### 4. CHAIR’S ADDRESS TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE

The Chair explained that the same panel of Members had been used for all the Licensing Hearings for JT Mellanby's to ensure consistency and because the Members were familiar with the evidence presented.

## **5. 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.**

## **6. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/1 which outlined an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered whether the application should be granted.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.**

## **7. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/2 which considered an application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered whether the application should be granted.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To REFUSE the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.**

### **REASONS FOR DECISION:**

**The Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced Certificate revealed a pattern and range of offences, in terms of dishonesty and impulsive reaction to provocation, which gave reasonable cause for a belief that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.**

## **8. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A PARTICULAR VEHICLE**

The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/3 which outlined an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of a particular vehicle not fully accessible to the disabled. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered their decision on whether the application should be granted.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence in respect of the particular vehicle.**

## **9. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Committee decided to defer this application until the next meeting as the applicant was not present. The Committee also recommended that the driver be sent a letter that if he was not present at the next meeting, the application would be heard in his absence.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To DEFER the application until the next meeting and inform the driver that if he was not present at the next meeting, the application would be heard in his absence.**

## **10. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

It was noted that this item had been accepted as an urgent item by the Chair. The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/5 which outlined an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered whether the application should be granted.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.**

## **11. APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

It was noted that this item had been accepted as an urgent item by the Chair. The Senior Enforcement Officer presented the Report L/14/6 which outlined an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The applicant was in attendance.

Councillors were given the opportunity to question the applicant in connection with the application. The Committee then discussed the matter and considered whether the application should be granted.

**RESOLVED:**

**To APPROVE the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence.**

The meeting closed at 11:34am.