

A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD

WAS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2007

Councillors

The Mayor (Councillor Gill) (ex officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Cully) (ex-officio); Councillors Ms Ballard, Carter (P), Champion (P), Mrs Cully (P), Davis (P), Farr (P), Foster (P), Foster-Reed (P), Jacobs (P), Rigg (P), Smith (P) and Ward (P).

It was reported that, in accordance with Standing Orders, notice had been received that Councillor Chegwyn would replace Councillor Ms Ballard for this meeting.

Also in attendance

Mr Orhan Kaplan, Mr Baran, Mr Orhan Arda and Miss Dawn Chalton

30 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of the Mayor and Councillor Ms Ballard.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

32 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 4 September 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

33 DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

34 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Licensing Officer advised Members that in January 2008 an amendment to the Private Hire Vehicle legislation would remove the loophole currently existing whereby stretch limousines were exempt from the requirement for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence. From this date all operators of stretch limousines would be required to apply for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence and the vehicles themselves would also become liable for the same checks as applied to all other Private Hire vehicles.

Attempts were being made to identify any operators of stretch limousines within the Borough, although it was believed that most vehicles seen in Gosport were operated from businesses outside the Borough. Members were requested to note the licence number of any such vehicle they saw in the Borough and report it to the Licensing Officers. Licensing Officers within Hampshire were liaising to build up a picture of the businesses operating stretch limousines in the County so that appropriate action could be taken when the new legislation came into force.

36 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That in relation to the following items the public be excluded from the meeting, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the reports.

37 APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Environmental Services Manager (a copy of which is inserted in the Minute Book as Appendix 'A') advising the Board of an application for the issue of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The report was exempt from publication as the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information by reason that it contained personal information that was not considered appropriate to be released to the public.

RESOLVED: That the application for the issue of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's Licence be not approved. However, the Applicant was invited to make a further application in six months' time.

38 REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Environmental Services Manager (a copy of which is inserted in the Minute Book as Appendix 'B') advising the Board of a review of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The report was exempt from publication as the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information by reason that it contained personal information that was not considered appropriate to be released to the public.

RESOLVED: That no action to suspend the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Driver's Licence be taken at this time. The Driver was directed to be of good behaviour and appear before the Board in February 2008 when his Licence was due for renewal.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 8.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN