

## **A MEETING OF THE LICENSING BOARD**

**WAS HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The Mayor (Councillor Allen) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio), Councillors Beavis (P), Bradley, Carter CK (P), Carter CR (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully, Foster-Reed (P), Jacobs, Murphy (P) and Scard (P).

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Orders, Councillor Burgess had been nominated to replace Councillor Jacobs for this meeting.

### **29. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were submitted on behalf of The Mayor, Councillors Hook, Jacobs and Mrs Cully.

### **30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Carter, CR, Chegwyn, Foster-Reed, Murphy and Scard declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 12, Application for the Issue of a Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence.

### **31. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 20 July 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

### **32. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations.

### **33. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

## **PART II**

### **34. ADOPTION OF REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003.**

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager recommending that the Licensing Board recommends to Policy and Organisation Board

- 1) That the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix A to this report, is adopted.

- 2) That the scheme of delegation set out in the original Statement of Licensing Policy, and repeated in the revised policy at Appendix A, continues to be incorporated into the Council's Constitution and authority is delegated to the Borough Solicitor to make any necessary any consequential amendments to the Constitution.

RESOLVED: That:

- 1) the revised Statement of Licensing Policy, as set out in Appendix A of the report, is adopted;
- 2) the scheme of delegation set out in the original Statement of Licensing Policy, and repeated in the revised policy at Appendix A, continues to be incorporated into the Council's Constitution and Authority is delegated to the Borough Solicitor to make any necessary and consequential amendments to the Constitution; and
- 3) authorisation be sought from the Policy and Organisation Board to proceed with the above resolution.

### **35. CONSIDERATION OF AN EXCEPTIONAL VEHICLE FOR LICENSING**

Consideration was given to a report of the Environmental Services Manager to consider the grant of a Hackney Carriage License for a vehicle over 3 years of age.

Members were advised that the vehicle was a longstanding Hackney Carriage and had been operated as such by the previous owner.

Members were also advised that should the exceptional vehicle be licensed, it would be subject to maintenance checks every 4 months.

RESOLVED: That a proposed application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for a Skoda Octavia, registration number KW05 SXS, in the ownership of Mr. Ali Nohut, be granted as an exception to the Council's "Hackney Carriage and Private Hire" conditions.

### **36. CRIME AND DISORDER PRESENTATION – PC JOHN CONNELLY**

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing Board.

### **37. 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 these 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.

**38. APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Environmental Services Manager which advised the Board of an application for the issue of a Private Hire 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 Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

**39. APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

Councillors Beavis, Burgess, Carter, CR, Chegwyn, Foster-Reed, Murphy and Scard declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in this item.

Due to the number of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in this item , the Licensing Board was not quorate. Therefore the hearing of the application was deferred to an extraordinary meeting of the Licensing Board

The meeting ended at 6.36p.m.

CHAIRMAN