

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

26TH NOVEMBER 2007 (10.30AM)

PRESENT:

Councillors: M A Salter (Chairman), Mrs P V Hayward (Vice-Chairman), P Dyke, G H Eeles, B T Glass, Mrs J Greener, P B Harrison, Mrs A T Hingley, M B Kelly, M Price, D R Sheppard and G C Yarranton.

OBSERVERS:

There were no members present as observers.

LIC.109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor: J-P Campion.

LIC.110 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor G C Yarranton was a substitute for Councillor J-P Campion.

LIC.111 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor M.B. Kelly declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 8 – Review of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence, as the applicant's family is known to him.

Councillor P. Dyke declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 - Request to change detail contained within the hackney carriage/private hire vehicle driver's badge, and Agenda Items 8 and 9 - Review of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence, as Councillor Dyke went to school with one of the applicants and his brother-in-law is employed as a taxi driver.

LIC.112 MINUTES

DECISION:

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.113 REQUEST TO CHANGE DETAIL CONTAINED WITHIN THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER'S BADGE

The Principal Licensing Officer outlined the request which had been received from Mr. R.K. South, Secretary of the Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers' Association that a driver's name should not be required to be displayed on the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Badge issued by the Council.

Mr. South attended the meeting and addressed the Committee. Mr. South

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handed to the Committee a survey which he had carried out with 100 of the taxi drivers licensed within the District. Mr. South informed the Committee that out of 100 drivers asked to complete the survey only 2 had refused, and 98 supported the application that no name should be included in the badge and 69 of the drivers confirmed that no incidents of concern had happened to them as a consequence of their names appearing on the badge. The majority of drivers who had reported problems were night time drivers.

Members were concerned about the survey being handed in on the day and wished to have time to study the survey.

DECISION:

The matter be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee to be held on the 7th January, 2008

LIC.114 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION:

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.115 SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the minutes relating to these items has been made as "exempt information" would be disclosed if the minutes were published in full.

LIC. 116 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVING LICENCE

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding a review of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence. Having carefully considered all of the information, the Committee decided to revoke the Licence in this case.

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The meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.