

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

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

FRIDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER 2010 (10.30AM)

Present:

Councillors: J Baker (Chairman), A J Buckley, H E Dyke, J Greener, P B Harrison, P V Hayward, M B Kelly, M Price, D R Sheppard and N J Thomas.

Observers:

Councillor P Dyke.

LIC.57 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor B T Glass.

LIC.58 Appointment of Substitutes

Councillor N J Thomas was appointed as a substitute for Councillor B T Glass.

LIC.59 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

LIC.60 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.61 Exempt Information

Decision: Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 6 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

LIC.62 Exempt Minutes

Decision: The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

LIC.63 Application for the Renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Committee considered a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services which asked the Committee to consider an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence.

Agenda Item No. 4

The Licensing Officer informed Members that the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) document had revealed a disclosure by the police.

The applicant advised Members that he did not think he had done anything wrong.

The Licensing Officer and the applicant left the meeting at this point (10.45am).

Members felt there was no case to answer as the police had “no crimed” the incident. They also felt it was unfortunate that details of the incident remained on the police records causing problems for the applicant.

The Licensing Officer and the applicant returned to the meeting at this point (10.54am).

Decision: The Licensing and Environmental Committee unanimously agreed to grant the application to renew the applicant’s Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driving Licence. This was because there was no evidence that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to have the licence renewed or any Council guidelines had not been adhered to.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am.