

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH ON 18 DECEMBER 2014**

Members Present: Councillors Thacker (Chair), Hiller (Vice Chair), Iqbal, Jamil, Lane, Saltmarsh and Sandford

Officers Present: Adrian Day, Licensing Manager
Ian Robinson, Regulatory Officer
Colin Miles, Litigation Lawyer
Philippa Turvey, Senior Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allen, Nawaz, Miners, Herdman and Davidson. Councillors Saltmarsh and Sandford were in attendance as a substitutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on:

3.1 18 September 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2014 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3.2 Minutes of the Sub-Committee Hearings Held Between March 2014 and November 2014

The following minutes of the Sub-Committee hearings held between March 2014 and November 2014 were approved as true and accurate records:

- i) 21/03/14 – Cliftepala (Personal)
- ii) 21/08/14 – Mansfield Snooker Club (Review)
- iii) 17/10/14 – Exeter Arms (New Premises)
- iv) 27/10/14 – 327 Lincoln Road (New Premises)
- v) 11/11/14 – 44 Eastfield Road (New Premises)

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

In accordance with Standing Orders, Members were asked to determine whether agenda item 5, 'Decision Required in Relation to a Private Hire Driver's Licence', which contained exempt information relating to an individual, which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual and in relation to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention or investigation or prosecution of crime, as defined by Paragraph 1, 2 and 7 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, should be exempt and the press and public excluded from the meeting when this report was discussed or whether the public interest in disclosing this information outweighed the public interest in maintaining the exemption.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the exclusion of the press and public for agenda item 5 'Decision Required in Relation to a Private Hire Driver's Licence'.

5. Decision Required in Relation to a Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Committee received a report following a request from the Head of Regulatory Services. The report provided the Committee with information to enable them to consider and determine whether a private hire driver currently on suspension could be deemed a "fit and proper" person to hold a private hire driver's licence.

The Regulatory Officer addressed the Committee, advising of the main issues.

The Licence Holder the Licence Holder's Representative addressed the Committee and responded to questions. The key points in respect of the Licence Holder's representation were highlighted.

All parties then left the room while the Committee debated the application and made their decision.

RESOLVED: (four voted in favour, three voted against) That:

- i) the Committee deemed the private hire driver a "fit and proper" person to be granted a private hire driver's licence; and
- ii) the suspension currently imposed be lifted.

Reasons for the decision:

The Committee did not believe the private hire driver possessed a significant threat to the public based on the evidence presented to them.

Chairman
7.00pm – 8:10pm