

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON THURSDAY 21 JANUARY
2016, AT 2.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Michael McMullen (Chairman)
Councillors P Ballam and R Brunton.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors A Alder, Mrs R Cheswright,
J Jones, P Ruffles and N Symonds.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
Robin Clark	- Licensing Enforcement and Community Safety Manager
Claire Mabbutt	- Licensing Enforcement Officer
Jenny Mills	- Licensing Enforcement Officer
Oliver Rawlings	- Senior Specialist Licensing Officer
George Robertson	- Legal Services Manager

15 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor P Ballam and seconded by Councillor R Brunton that Councillor M McMullen be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

RESOLVED – that Councillor M McMullen be appointed Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee for the meeting.

16 MINUTES – 30 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Sub-Committee passed a resolution pursuant to Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, to exclude the press and public during consideration of the business referred to in Minute 18 on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

18 CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER THE HOLDER OF A DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE REMAINS A 'FIT AND PROPER' PERSON

The Chairman outlined the procedure to be followed. All those present were introduced. The applicant agreed that Councillors A Alder, R Cheswright, J Jones, P Ruffles and N Symonds and other Licensing Enforcement Officers in training could remain in the room as observers.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer summarised why the matter had been reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee. In order to clarify the Officer's statement, the applicant's representative advised that the appeal had been discontinued due to a lack of funds and because it was a lengthy process.

The applicant's representative provided a detailed summary of the applicant's background, work experience and the events which had transpired. He assured Members that the holder of the licence had an

unblemished career as a taxi driver and he had formally registered a complaint with the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) in relation to the police caution. The applicant provided a detailed summary of the events.

In response to a query by Councillor R Brunton, the applicant explained that the passenger had decided to remain in the vehicle until the Police had arrived.

At the conclusion of the representations, the Sub-Committee withdrew with the Legal Services Manager and the Democratic Services Officer to consider the evidence.

Following this, they returned and the Chairman announced that the Sub-Committee had carefully considered the evidence put forward and agreed that, the licensed driver remained a “fit and proper” person to hold a Dual Drivers’ Licence.

RESOLVED – that for the reasons now detailed, the holder remained a “fit and proper person” to hold a Dual Drivers’ Licence.

The meeting closed at 2.35 pm

Chairman

Date