

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP held in the Corporate Training Suite, Eastfield House, 6 Latham Road, Huntingdon on Wednesday, 3 June 2009.

PRESENT: Councillors P L E Bucknell, R S Farrer, J M Sadler and R G Tuplin

15. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor J M Sadler be elected Chairman of the Sub-Group for the ensuing Municipal Year.

16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 10 November 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Members reflected in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to Councillor R Powell a member of the Licensing and Protection Panel, who had passed away the previous day.

17. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were received.

18. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

that Councillor J T Bell be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

19. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

that the public be excluded from the meeting because the business to be transacted contains exempt information relating to individuals and is subject to an obligation of confidentiality.

20. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver – new application

(The applicant was accompanied by his potential employer)

By reference to Appendix B of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) the Sub-Group gave consideration to an application for a hackney carriage and private hire drivers licence for a person who did not meet the Council's published criteria to hold such a licence. The applicant and his representative appeared before the Sub-Group to explain why he considered that he should be granted a licence.

Having considered the issues involved and the representations made by the applicant and his representative, the Panel

RESOLVED

that the application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence be refused on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a licence. The Panel was not satisfied, owing to the extent and nature of the convictions incurred by the applicant, that he should be licensed to drive passengers who might be in a vulnerable condition or position.

Chairman