

## HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the LICENSING AND PROTECTION APPLICATIONS SUB-GROUP held in Meeting Room 01b, Ground Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN on Tuesday, 29 March 2011.

PRESENT: Councillors K M Baker, Mrs P A Jordan and JS Watt.

APOLOGY: An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor J T Bell.

### **44. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

that Councillor K M Baker be elected Chairman of the Sub-Group for the duration of the meeting.

**Councillor K M Baker in the Chair**

### **45. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Group held on 10th February 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **46. MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No declarations were received.

### **47. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED

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

### **48. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING**

**(a) New Application**

The Sub-Group was acquainted with 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) containing details of an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence from a person who did not meet the Council's established criteria to hold such a licence. The driver appeared before the Sub-Group and gave an explanation of the circumstances relating to his current driving convictions. Following questions raised by the Panel, the applicant left the meeting. Having considered the issues involved, the Panel

RESOLVED

- (a) 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 owing to the fact that he appeared to have little regard for the conditions pertaining to his provisional driving licence. The Sub-Group were not satisfied that the applicant would understand the conditions attached to such a licence; and
- (b) that the applicant be informed that the Sub-Group would be prepared to consider a future application once the driver held a clean driving licence and could clearly demonstrate that he had a clear understanding of the conditions attached to a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence.

**(b) New Application**

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix C of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) containing details of an application for hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence from a person who did not meet the Council's published criteria to hold such a licence owing to the information contained within his Criminal Records Bureau report. The applicant appeared before the Sub-Group to explain the circumstances as to why he felt he should be granted a licence. Having considered the issues involved and the representations made by the applicant, the Sub-Group

RESOLVED

that consideration of the application be deferred and delegated authority be given to the Head of Democratic and Central Services or in his absence the Central Services Manager after consultation with the Chairman of the Sub-Group to consider the issue of a licence pending the production and verification of documentary evidence in support of his previous employment.

**(c) New Application**

The Sub-Group was acquainted with Appendix D of a report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services (a copy of which is appended in the Annex to the Minute Book) containing details of an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence from a person who did not meet the Council's published criteria to hold such a licence.

As the individual referred to was not in attendance, it was

**RESOLVED**

that consideration of the application be deferred.

Chairman