

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT NEXT MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2005 at Monkton Park Chippenham commencing at 5.30pm

Sub-Committee Councillors Present:

Councillor A.M. Bucknell Chairman
Councillors D. M. Moore and M. Rousell

Officers Present: M. Doran (Environmental Health Team Leader), L. May (Policy and Democratic Services Assistant) and J. Tarry (Licensing Officer).

LRS35. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor J. M. Wood.

LRS36. Membership

There were no changes to the membership of the Sub-Committee.

LRS37. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

None.

LRS38. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made by Members present.

LRS39. Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 2nd November 2005.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 2nd November 2005 be approved and signed as a correct record.

LRS40. Chairman's Announcements

URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The Chairman announced that in accordance with Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having regard to the special circumstances pertaining - namely to resolve a licence application as soon as possible, it was felt that despite its non inclusion on the Agenda, the matter of a Criminal Records Bureau Check should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

As the report contained exempt information it would therefore be taken after Item 8 on the Agenda when it was advised that consideration would be given to the

exclusion of the press and public by virtue of paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

LRS41. Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of The Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following items of business involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act as follows:

Agenda Item/Report Name	Paragraph of the Act / Schedule Describing the Exemption
Agenda Item 8 – Criminal Records Bureau Check	Paragraph 4
Agenda Item 9 – Criminal Records Bureau Check	Paragraph 4

LRS42. Criminal Bureau Records Check

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the agenda) which asked Members to determine whether a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence could be issued, in light of information provided by the Criminal Records Bureau.

The applicant was in attendance to answer any questions raised by Members.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The circumstances of the events leading to the incident;
- That the applicant had no previous convictions;
- The applicant's employment history; and
- That the applicant had reported that he had received a job offer with a local taxi firm, pending the outcome of this hearing.

Resolved that

- (1) The applicant be issued with a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence; and
- (2) The applicant will need to have held this licence for a period of 12 months and have worked for a local taxi operator in North Wiltshire, before he can apply for an Operator's licence to become an operator himself.

LRS43. Criminal Bureau Records Check

Consideration was given to Report No. 9 (circulated on 5th December 2005) which asked Members to determine whether a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence could be issued, in light of information provided by the Criminal Records Bureau.

The applicant was in attendance to answer any questions raised by Members.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The time that had passed since the majority of the offences had been committed;
- The changes in personal circumstances of the applicant;
- The applicant's employment history; and
- That the applicant had reported that he had received a job offer with a local taxi firm, pending the outcome of this hearing.

Resolved that

- (1) The applicant be issued with a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's licence; and
- (2) The applicant will need to have held this licence for a period of 12 months and have worked for a local taxi operator in North Wiltshire, before he can apply for an Operator's licence to become an operator himself.

The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.20pm

There were 2 members of the public present.