

**Draft Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at Monkton Park Chippenham commencing at 11.15am in the Council Chamber**

**Sub-Committee Councillors Present:**

Councillors D. B. Allen, A. M. Bucknell and J. Hartless

**Officers Present:**

M. Doran (Environmental Health Team Leader), L. Pullin (Policy and Democratic Services Assistant), J. Tarry (Licensing Officer) and P. Taylor (Assistant Solicitor)

**LRS1. Election of Chairman**

The Policy and Democratic Services Assistant called for nominations for the position of Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Allen proposed and Councillor Hartless seconded that Councillor Bucknell be elected Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**Resolved** that Councillor A. M. Bucknell be elected as Chairman of the Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

***Councillor A. M. Bucknell in the Chair.***

**LRS2. Election of Vice-Chairman**

The Policy and Democratic Services Assistant called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

Councillor Bucknell proposed and Councillor Hartless seconded that Councillor Allen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

**Resolved** that Councillor D. B. Allen be elected as Vice Chairman of the Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

**LRS3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Bodman and I.J. Henderson.

**LRS4. Membership**

The Sub Committee was notified of the following change of membership for one meeting only:

<b>Councillor to be Replaced</b>	<b>Replacement</b>	<b>Political Group</b>
S. Bodman	J. Hartless	Conservatives

**LRS5. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions**

None.

**LRS6. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by the Members present.

**LRS7. Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (circulated with the Agenda).

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing & Registration Sub-Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2007 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**LRS8. Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**LRS9. Exclusion of Press & Public**

**Resolved** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the following item of business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act as follows and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information:

Agenda Item/Report name	Paragraph of the Act / Schedule describing the exemption
Agenda Item 8 – Criminal Records Bureau Check	Paragraph 1

**LSR10. Criminal Records Bureau Check**

Consideration was given to Report No. 8 (circulated with the Agenda) which asked the Sub-Committee to decide if a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Licence could be issued to the Applicant in light of information provided by the Criminal Records Bureau.

The Applicant and a supporting representative were in attendance to answer any questions raised by Members. The Chairman explained the procedure for the hearing that would be followed.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The nature of the issues highlighted by the CRB check;
- The personal history of the Applicant; 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 for a period of one year provided that he is employed by an established Hackney Carriage operator in North Wiltshire; and
- (2) Should the Applicant change employer to another established Hackney Carriage operator in North Wiltshire that the District Council be notified in writing of this change.

The meeting started at 11.15am and finished at 11.50am.

There were no members of the public present.