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**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER 2011**

9.30 a.m. – 18:01 p.m.

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PRESENT

Councillors: P Adams (Chairman)

B Benyon and V Bushell, A. Davies, R. Huffer, K. Roberts

310. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T. Baker (Councillor K. Roberts was in attendance as his substitute) and Councillor Mrs B. Baker (Councillor R. Huffer was in attendance as her substitute).

311. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions, statements or petitions received.

312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

314. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Kabir Hussain whose home address was outside

the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Hussain (the applicant) and Ms S. Parry (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee confirming that the applicant intended to work in the Bridgnorth area on five days of the week depending on the trade although at present he was not sure on which days or what hours he would work.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that:

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before;
- He intended to park outside pubs and bars when plying for hire, and was aware that there was no rank in Bridgnorth;
- He intended to work 5 days per week in Bridgnorth;
- If there was no work within Zone 1 and he was offered a pre booked job within Birmingham he would take that job;
- He was able to start work immediately;
- He lived in the Sparkbrook area of Birmingham;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He would inform the Licensing Team when he had established which days of the week he would be working within Zone 1.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 9.40 a.m. and reconvened at 10.05 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant intended to work 5 days per week within Zone 1 and would start work immediately upon receipt of his plates.
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

315. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Talib Hussain whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Hussain (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work with National Cars (formerly Wednesfield Cars) in Shifnal and would be predominantly plying for hire but also taking 2-3 radio jobs each day. Mr Nolan confirmed that the applicant lived in Wolverhampton and it took him approximately 10-15 minutes to reach the Shifnal area. In response to a question, Mr Nolan confirmed that the applicant would ply for hire near to Henry's bar and restaurant in Shifnal.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that:

- He had previously been a Private Hire driver but never a Hackney Carriage driver;
- If there were insufficient work as a Hackney Carriage driver he would take radio bookings;
- He felt that there would be more work available to him as a Hackney Carriage driver as there were already lots of Private Hire drivers;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He needed the work and so would start work immediately should his application be granted.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a

condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

316. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Mohammed Kabeer whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area. Mr Kabeer had applied for a licence for Zone 5 (Ludlow), and had given further details of where he intended to work as Bridgnorth and Telford, which did not fall within Zone 5. Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 5 (Ludlow).

Mr Kabeer (the applicant) and Ms S. Parry (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative explained that the application should have been for Zone 1. In response the Licensing Team Leader explained that she had written to the applicant requesting clarification as to which Zone he wished to work within and again the applicant had stated Zone 5.

The applicant's legal representative requested that the application be deferred and a new application for Zone 1 be submitted.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred to enable the applicant to resubmit a new application for Zone 1.

317. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Usman Kayani whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area. Mr Kayani had not advised which Zone he was applying for a licence in and had given further details of where he intended to work as half in Birmingham and half in Shropshire.

Mr Kayani (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant wished to apply for Zone 1 (Bridgnorth), working five days a week from within Bridgnorth.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never worked as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver before;
- He wished to work on his own, but also have contact with an operator, such as Bridgnorth Taxi's or TD Taxi's;
- If there was insufficient Hackney Carriage work then he would contact Private Hire operators, and would take pre booked work from friends and from home;
- He didn't envisage doing any pre booked work in Birmingham as there were too many taxi's already in that area;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and milage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He would start work immediately should his application be granted.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 10.35 a.m. and reconvened at 10.50 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant did not intend to a material extent to ply for hire within Zone 1 and that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members took into account that the applicant did not state which Zone he wished to work in and had indicated on his application form that he would be working half in Birmingham and half in Shropshire and the applicant had informed the Sub-Committee that he would accept bookings from home. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

318. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Asif Ali Khan whose home address was outside the

Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Khan (the applicant) and Ms S. Parry (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant now wished to work five days each week primarily within the Bridgnorth area, plying for hire outside the Crown Public House and restaurants and the Severn Valley Railway during the summer period.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver before;
- He had approached Bridgnorth Taxi's with a view to taking some bookings
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and milage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He would start work immediately should his application be granted.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant intended to work 5 days per week within Zone 1 and would start work immediately upon receipt of his plates.
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

319. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Dedar Khan whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area. The applicant had indicated that he intended to work three days in Bridgnorth and two days in Birmingham. Officers were not

satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Khan (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee confirming that the applicant had previously been employed as a delivery driver, and had delivered goods within the area. Since submitting the application, the applicant intended to ply for hire in the Bridgnorth area five days per week and also take radio work from National Cars.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before
- The car was not a family car and would be parked at his home;
- He had made contact with National Cars;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and milage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand;
- He would start work immediately should his application be granted; and
- He would not be working nights and expected his hours of work to be 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Committee had accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant intended to work 5 days per week within Zone 1 and would start work immediately upon receipt of his plates.
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

320. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney

Carriage Licence from Mr Muhammad Jamil Khan whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Khan (the applicant) and the Ms S. Parry applicant's legal representative were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work 5 days per week Tuesday – Saturdays in the Bridgnorth area. If there was insufficient work plying for hire the applicant intended to take pre booked work in and around the Bridgnorth area. The applicant's legal representative confirmed that the applicant was presently employed as a delivery driver which he intended to give up to work full time as a Hackney Carriage Driver.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be presented to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He would start work immediately should his application be granted.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Sub-Committee noted that the applicant intended to work 5 days per week within Zone 1 and would start work immediately upon receipt of his plates.
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

The applicant's legal representative was requested to emphasise to their client the powers of the enforcement officers.

321. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Shiraz Ahmed Khan whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Khan (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant had a young son with impaired hearing and was trying to adapt his lifestyle to fit around the needs of his son, the applicant felt that working as a Hackney Carriage Driver would enable him to the flexibility to tend to his son. It was the applicant's intention to ply for hire within the Bridgnorth area at weekends and on two other days. The applicant intended on moving his family to the Bridgnorth area once his work was established. Finally the applicant's legal representative confirmed that the applicant did not intend to use the vehicle for bookings within Birmingham.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before;
- His vehicle was also his family car;
- If offered private hire work he would accept it;
- He was prepared to keep records of his milage and customers;
- He would start work immediately;
- He lived approximately 3 – 4 miles from the hospital his son attended for appointments;
- With the exception of using his vehicle for hackney carriage work the only use of his vehicle would be for taking his son to hospital; and
- He lived in the Bordesley Green area of Birmingham

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 11.55 a.m. and reconvened at 12.00 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, members took into account that the applicant had indicated on his application form that he would be working in Bridgnorth and Birmingham (with three days being in Bridgnorth and two days in Birmingham). The Sub-Committee also took into account the answers given to their questions at the meeting and concluded that the vehicle would not be in the area for at least four days a week. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

322. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Kaiser Latif whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Latif (the applicant) and Ms S. Parry (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant had done a lot of research into hackney carriage and private hire operators within the Zone 1 area and had also prepared a business plan. The applicant stated that he lived in Birmingham was currently employed by J Lewis on a part time basis within the accounts and payroll team and was used to travelling long distances from his home to work.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He wanted to improve consumer choice by offering the best deals within Shropshire;
- He would advertise his service on Google and in the Yellow Pages;
- He planned to work three days in Shropshire, two days in Birmingham and have two days off each week;
- He would ply for hire outside the Crown Pub, Bridgnorth Hospital and local bus stops;
- During the summer time he would ply for hire at tourist points such as the Severn Valley Railway;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of all customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;
- He planned to start work immediately, subject to putting the appropriate insurances in place, should his application be approved;
- He currently worked 28 hours per week on Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays during the day time;
- He expected to be able to commit to plying for hire for 8 hours on each of the three days he would spend within Shropshire; and

- He would travel to work in his Hackney Carriage vehicle as this was his only car.

The Licensing Team Leader questioned whether it was the applicant's intention to develop a Private Hire business within the area. In response the applicant stated that it was too early to answer that question, but didn't want to pay a fee to an operator at the beginning, adding that he was keen to keep the hackney carriage work as a part time business. The applicant stated that he would not be leaving his part time job.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 12.35 p.m. and reconvened at 12.45 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members took into account the guidance given by the Strategic Licensing Committee for such applications. The sub committee was concerned that the applicant would be working in both Shropshire and Birmingham; that though his stated intention was to work for three days a week in Zone 1 he would have the vehicle for four days a week in Birmingham, away from the control of the Council. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

323. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Sajid Mohmood whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Mohmood (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative explained the applicant's vehicle, a Volkswagen Passat Registration Number MK55 VMY was no longer in service and requested that he be permitted to change the vehicle to a Vauxhall Zafira, Registration Number CN54 VGY.

In response the Licensing Team Leader explained that the applicant would need to amend his application form and resubmit with the correct paper work.

RESOLVED:

The application be deferred to enable the applicant to submit and amended application form.

324. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Mohammad Maskeen whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Licensing Team Leader stated that on his application form the applicant had given further details of where he intended to work as three days in Shropshire and two days in Telford and Birmingham.

Mr Maskeen (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that since completion of the application form, the applicant now wished to work five days per week in Bridgnorth. The applicant was fully aware that he could not ply for hire in Telford or Birmingham.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire driver before;
- He did not intend to take any Private Hire work from an operator;
- His vehicle was not a family car and would be used only for his work as a Hackney Carriage;
- When his vehicle was not working in Bridgnorth it would be parked at this home address
- He intended to ply for hire from pubs, such as Baileys
- He changed his mind about where he intended to ply work four to five weeks ago, but forgot to inform the Licensing Officer; and
- He was prepared to keep records of customers and milage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 2.00 p.m. and reconvened at 2.15 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence for Zone 1 (Bridgnorth) be refused. The Sub-Committee found that the applicant did not intend, to a material extent, to use the vehicle to ply for hire within the relevant Zone. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members were concerned that the applicant had indicated on his application form that he intended to be working in Shropshire, Telford and Birmingham (three days being in Shropshire and 2 days in Telford and Birmingham). Members took into account the applicants answers given to their questions at the meeting and concluded that the vehicle would not be in the area to a significant extent. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

(The Chairman left the meeting at this point and the Vice Chairman (Councillor A. Davies) took the Chair for the following items.)

325. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for two Hackney Carriage Licence's from Mr Kashif Mushtaq whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Mushtaq (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work in Bridgnorth or Shifnal and some private hire work from National Cars. The applicant felt that the combination of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire WoHire work would enable him to make a reasonable living. The applicant's legal representative also confirmed that the applicant had no intention of working in Birmingham and that it took him approximately 30 minutes to reach the area from his home.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub- Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- Had not worked as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before
- Would park and ply for hire outside pubs, such as the Crown, White Lion and Black Horse and restaurants;
- The applicant had been to Bridgnorth and also looked online and on maps;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of all customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;
- He was available to start work immediately;
- He lived in the Hockley area of Birmingham
- When he had completed the application form he had intended to work part time in the Bridgnorth area as he had a part time job at a convenience store in Birmingham. He no longer had this job and wished to work full time in the Bridgnorth area.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 2.35 p.m. and reconvened at 2.37 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

326. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Qasim Nadeem whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant did not intend, to a material extent, ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Licensing Team Leader informed the Sub-Committee that the applicant had stated on his application form that he intended to work two days in Shropshire and two days in Birmingham.

Mr Nadeem (the applicant) and Ms S. Parry (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative

presented the case to the Sub-Committee stating that the applicant had reviewed his application and now intended to work five days a week, plying for hire in the Bridgnorth area. The majority of his work would be within the High Town and some work within the Low Town areas of Bridgnorth. The applicant's legal representative stated that the applicant had not driven a taxi before and had not contacted any Private Hire operators.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that;

- He intended to start work immediately;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 2.55 p.m. and reconvened at 3.08 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members took into account that the applicant had indicated on his application form that he would be working in Shropshire and Birmingham. The Sub-Committee also took into account the answers given to their questions at the meeting and concluded that the vehicle would not be in the area to a significant extent. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

327. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Raza Alit Nadir whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Nadir (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant wished to work within Zone 1, in the Shifnal area.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He had held a Private Hire licence for 9 months and presently worked for Central Cars in Telford;
- He intended to predominantly ply for hire in the Shifnal area;
- He intended to work for National Cars and ply for hire outside Henry's Bar.
- He planned to work weekends and nights, every other day except Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- He was available to start work immediately; and;
- Was prepared to keep records of all customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 3.25 p.m. and reconvened at 3.27 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

328. APPLICATION FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE POLICY IN RESPECT OF SIGNAGE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for an exemption from Private Hire Vehicle Policy in respect of signage.

Mr Thomas (the applicant) was in attendance and presented his case to the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee were invited to inspect the vehicle. The applicant explained that he was requesting either an executive style plate or

an exemption from displaying the standard signage due to the type of work the vehicle undertook.

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 3.55 p.m. and reconvened at 4.10 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for an exemption from Private Hire Vehicle Policy in respect of signage be refused.

Reason: The Sub-Committee were sympathetic to the arguments put forward by the applicant, but decided that no special reasons had been given by the applicant as to why the policy should be departed from.

The Chairman informed the applicant of his right to appeal against the decision

Councillor Adams re-joined the meeting at this point and resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

329. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Muhammad Sagheer whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant did not intend, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Sagheer (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He wanted to work full time in the Bridgnorth area;
- Was prepared to keep full and complete records of all customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand.
- He had previously been employed as a delivery driver;
- He did not intend to work for a Private Hire Operator;
- He was aware that he could only ply for hire in the Bridgnorth;

- He was available to start work immediately

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 4.35 p.m. and reconvened at 4.39 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

Councillor Richard Huffer left the meeting at this point

330. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Choudhry Saqlan whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

Mr Saqlan (the applicant) and Mr M Saghir (the applicant's friend) were in attendance. Mr Saghir, the applicant's friend explained that he was there to assist the applicant. The applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that he was made redundant six months ago. He had family commitments which meant that he would be available for work within Zone 1 on Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver before;
- He did not intend to work for a Private Hire Operator;
- He had visited Bridgnorth two or three times previously and done some research into the area on the internet;

- He was prepared to keep records of customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;
- He was available to start work immediately; and
- His vehicle would sometime be used to drive his family, such as school runs;

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 4.55 p.m. and reconvened at 4.58 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members took into account that the applicant had not indicated on his application form how long he expected to be working within the Zone applied for. Members also took into account the applicants answers given to their questions at the meeting and concluded that the vehicle would not be in the area to a significant extent. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

331. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Amir Hussain Shah whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area. The Licensing Team Leader explained that the answers given to questions on the application form had led to confusion as to whether the applicant intended to work in Zone 5 (Ludlow) or the Bridgnorth area.

Mr Shah (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant wished to apply to work within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The applicant intended to be a night driver working 5 nights per week as well as taking Private Hire work from National Cars as and when necessary. The applicant would predominantly ply for hire outside Henry's Bar in Shifnal.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that;

- He was available to start work immediately; and
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

332. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Ikram Shahzad whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant intended, to a material extent, to ply for hire within Zone 1(Bridgnorth).

Mr Shahzad (the applicant) and Mr P. Nolan (the applicant's legal representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work within Zone 1, predominantly spending time in the Shifnal area, working with National Cars.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Driver before;
- He was prepared to keep records of customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand;

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 4.55 p.m. and reconvened at 4.58 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant's assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

333. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from Mr Mohammed Shakil whose home address was outside the Shropshire Council area and Officers were not satisfied that the applicant did not intend, to a material extent, ply for hire within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth). The Licensing Team Leader explained that the on his application form, the applicant had not advised which Zone he was applying for and had given further details of where he intended to work as Kingstanding, Birmingham.

Mr Shakil (the applicant) and Mr M. Saghir (the applicant's representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work within Bridgnorth.

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and members of the Sub-Committee the applicant confirmed that;

- He had never been a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Driver before;
- He was available to start work immediately;
- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand; and
- He intended to work 5 or 6 days per week in Bridgnorth

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 5.30 p.m. and reconvened at 5.32 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be refused. The Sub-Committee found that that the applicant intended to trade in another authority's area for a substantial amount of time and that if a licence was granted the purpose of the legislation would be frustrated and public safety would be compromised.

In making their decision, Members took into account that the applicant had not indicated on his application form which Zone he would be applying for or for how long he expected to be within Shropshire but that he intended to work in Kingstanding for Kingstanding cars. Members also took into account the applicants answers given to their questions at the meeting and concluded that the vehicle would not be in the area to a significant extent. While the vehicle was in Birmingham officers could not inspect the vehicle or ensure that the Council's conditions were being complied with.

Councillor Keith Roberts left the meeting at this point.

334. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Licensing Team Leader presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that an application had been received for a Hackney Carriage Licence from County Cars for a Silver Skoda Octavia, Registration Number KY05 ZZ0.

The applicant and Mr Wilson (the applicant's representative) were in attendance. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Sub-Committee, confirming that the applicant intended to work within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth).

In response to questions from the Licensing Team Leader and Members of the Sub-Committee, the applicant confirmed that;

- He was prepared to keep full and complete records of customers and mileage, using the Company's existing equipment to be made available to the Licensing Team on demand; and

The Licensing Team Leader summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant's representative to make any final comments prior to the Sub-Committee making its decision.

Members of the Sub-Committee retired to consider the matter, in private, at 5.53 p.m. and reconvened at 6.00 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

1. That the application for a Hackney Carriage Licence be granted, as the Members accepted the applicant’s assurances that he intended to ply for hire, to a material extent, within Zone 1 (Bridgnorth); and
2. That as agreed with the applicant there be a condition placed on the licence to the effect that a record of all customers and all journeys made be recorded and made available for inspection when required. Such a condition to be set and worded by the Licensing Team Leader and to include mileage of journeys.

335. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Team Leader in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage Licence.

The Sub-Committee were advised that Mr S. Mahmood (the applicant), was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That the application be deferred to a future meeting of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee.

CHAIRMAN:

DATE: