

**Committee and Date**Licensing and Safety
Sub Committee5th December 2012**Item****2**

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**MINUTES OF THE LICENSING AND SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER 2012**

10.00 a.m. – 10.25 a.m.

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PresentCouncillors: P. Adams (Chairman)
B. Baker, T. Barker, W. Benyon, V. Bushell and A. Davies.**25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

26. MINUTES**RESOLVED:**That the Minutes of the meetings of the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee held on 15th August 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment:

- That the word 'transition' on the third paragraph of page 2 be amended to 'transmission'.

27. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions, statements or petitions received.

28. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None received.

29. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE FOR A SALOON VEHICLE IN ZONE FOUR (FORMER BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY & ATCHAM)

Consideration was given to a report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence for a saloon vehicle in Zone Four (former Borough of Shrewsbury & Atcham).

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Sub-Committee, advising Members that the vehicle did not meet current policy for Zone 4, as it was not wheelchair accessible, and the Sub Committee needed to consider whether there were any exceptional circumstances to warrant licensing a vehicle outside of this policy.

Mr Milward (the applicant) was in attendance. The applicant presented his case to the Sub-Committee, providing an overview of his medical condition.

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

- He had not considered changing to private hire work as he could not afford to pay rent to an operator;
- He worked from Shrewsbury Station and all of his work was Hackney Carriage work;
- Driving did not affect his condition;
- He did have a problem lifting but he was able to lift light luggage;
- He had tried wearing gloves but this had not helped his condition; and
- He worked 12 – 14 hours per day, 6 days a week.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application and 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 10.10 a.m. and reconvened at 10.24 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for the renewal for a saloon Hackney Carriage in Zone Four (former Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham) be granted on the grounds that there were exceptional circumstances which justified the granting of the licence outside of the policy.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....