

**Minutes of the Central Licensing Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 27th
April 2011**

10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

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Present

Councillors: Peter Adams (Vice-Chairman) for Minute 161 to Minute 179.
Tudor Bebb
Vernon Bushell
Roger Evans
Keith Roberts (Chairman)

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received.

162. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Central Licensing Committee held on 25th and 30th March 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

163. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions, statements or petitions received.

164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made.

165. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4 (1) of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

166. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 1, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA). Members were advised that the applicant had declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he currently held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council and that he had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended with another Licensing Authority.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant to make any final comments prior to the Committee making their decision.

RESOLVED:

The application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed within the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

167. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer advised Members that Case 2 was not in attendance and had failed to notify the Licensing Section that he was unable to attend the meeting. She presented the report in respect of Case 2 to the Committee, advising Members that the application had been deferred from a previous meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be refused.

Reason: Members took into account the Council's guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions and concluded that they were unaware of any special circumstances in relation to this case to warrant an exemption from the Council's Policy.

They also took into account the history of non attendance of the applicant and that as a consequence the Committee had been unable to seek further information from the applicant and the applicant had failed to abide by the directions issued by the Licensing Officer. The Committee could therefore not be satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person.

168. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 3 to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and DVLA. Members were advised that the applicant had partially declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant, and his legal representative, were in attendance and the applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented the case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the Council Solicitor and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had applied to Telford and Wrekin Council, but due to the timescales involved with the application process he withdrew his applicant and applied to Shropshire Council. The applicant confirmed the details of his employer, should his application be successful and advised that he would be driving his own vehicle. The applicant also provided information on his employment history.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant, or his legal representative, to make any final comments prior to the Committee making its decision.

Members of the Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 10.42 a.m. and reconvened at 10.53 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted for a period of 6 months.
- (b) That any further incidents during the 6 months probationary period would be considered by Committee.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed within the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

169. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 4, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. It was noted that the DVLA disclosure was clear of any convictions.

The applicant, and his partner, were in attendance, and the applicant confirmed that he did require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case. He was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's partner presented the case to the Committee, on behalf of her husband, providing background information, and the circumstances surrounding the offence detailed within the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had not had a licence refused, revoked or suspended with another Licensing Authority and he did not hold a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council. He also confirmed the details of his employer, should his application be successful.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant, or his representative, to make any final comments prior to the Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the caution detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority with 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

170. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 5, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and the DVLA. It was noted that the applicant had declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council. He added that the licence had been refused on the first occasion, with the Committee indicating that they required a long period of time to have elapsed between his release from prison and granting a licence. It was noted that the applicant applied 18 months later and was granted a licence for a 6 month probationary period and now held a full 12 month licence. He confirmed the details of his employer should his application be successful.

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

Members of the Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 11.33 a.m. and reconvened at 11.35 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.
- (b) That any further offences would be considered by Committee.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the application was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

However, the Chairman stated that the Licensing Officer be directed to bring any further offences before the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

171. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 6, to the Committee, providing background information on the offences disclosed by the DVLA. It was noted that the applicant had declared the motoring convictions on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the Council Solicitor and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he was intending to work as a Private Hire driver part time and planned to work as a limousine driver in the future. The applicant confirmed the details of his employer should his application be successful, and was confident that the firms vehicles were fitted with hands free mobile kits.

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

Members of the Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 11.50 a.m. and reconvened at 11.52 a.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

(b) That any further offences would be considered by Committee.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

However, the Chairman stated that the Licensing Officer be directed to bring any further offences before the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

172. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 8, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and DVLA. It was noted that the applicant had only partially declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant, and his legal representative, were in attendance and the applicant confirmed he was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative presented his case to the Committee providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences disclosed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Office and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council since October 2010, which had been granted by Committee and confirmed the details of his current employer.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant, or their legal representative, to make any final comments prior to the Committee making its decision.

Members of the Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 12.10 p.m. and reconvened at 12.13 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

173. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Prior to consideration of the report, the Licensing Officer advised the Committee that Case 7 was not in attendance.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred until a future meeting of the Central Licensing Committee.

174. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 9, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and DVLA. It was noted that the applicant had declared the convictions on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council and had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

175. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 10, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and the DVLA. It was noted that the applicant had failed to declare the caution revealed by the CRB disclosure.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the applicant confirmed that he had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended and currently held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council. He advised Members that he had reported the offences to Telford and Wrekin Council, but had not been required to attend Committee.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the

applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

176. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 11, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. It was noted that the applicant had declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant, and his representative, were in attendance. The applicant confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case and that he was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's representative present the case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed within the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer and the Council Solicitor, the applicant confirmed that he had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended with another Licensing Authority and had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council since 1988.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

177. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 12, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by CRB.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, and provided background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the applicant confirmed that he had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended with another Licensing Authority and had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council for 13 years.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

178. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 13, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and DVLA. It was noted that the applicant partially declared the offences on the application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant present the case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the applicant confirmed that he had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council for 2 years and that his licence had been revoked in 2005 for failing to notify the Licensing Authority of the offence detailed in the Officer's report.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

179. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 14, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. It was noted that the applicant did not declare the offences on the application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant present the case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the Council Solicitor and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had held a licence previously with another Licensing Authority approximately 18 years

previously, but had never used it. He also confirmed the details of his employer, should his application be successful.

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

Members of the Committee retired to consider the application, in private, at 2.13 p.m. and reconvened at 2.24 p.m. to announce their decision.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.
- (b) That any further offences would be considered by Committee

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

However, the Chairman stated that the Licensing Officer be directed to bring any further offences before the Licensing and Safety Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

180. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 15, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. It was noted that the applicant declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the Council Solicitor and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had held a

licence with Telford and Wrekin Council for 12 months, and had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended by another Licensing Authority. He confirmed that he had only served a term of 4 months of a 12 month sentence for his conviction in 2000.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

181. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer present the report, in respect of Case 16, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB, DVLA and relevant information disclosed by the Chief Police Officer.

The applicant, and his legal representative, were in attendance. The applicant was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's representative presented the case, on behalf of his client, to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed within the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer and the Council Solicitor, the applicant confirmed that he had held a licence with Telford and Wrekin Council for 6 years, but his licence had been revoked and he had not reapplied for his licence.

The Licensing Officer summed up the application. The Chairman invited the applicant, or his legal representative, to make any final comments prior to the Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

182. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 17, to the Committee, providing background information on the offences disclosed by the CRB and DVLA. It was noted that the applicant declared the offences on his application form.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case to the Committee, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed within the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer and members of the Committee, the applicant confirmed that he had not held a licence previously with another Licensing Authority, and confirmed that he would be working part time as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

183. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 20, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. It was noted that the applicant had declared that he had convictions and cautions, but gave no information in respect of the individual offences.

The applicant was in attendance and confirmed he did not require a legal representative to be present during consideration of his case, and was agreeable to Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant presented his case, providing background information, and circumstances surrounding the offences detailed in the Officer's report.

In response to questions raised by the Licensing Officer, the applicant confirmed that he had never had a licence refused, revoked or suspended by another Licensing Authority.

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

RESOLVED:

That the application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted.

Reasons: In making their decision, members of the Committee took into account the guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions, and had regard to the offences detailed in the Officer's report, and were satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Chairman advised the applicant of the importance of reading and understanding the conditions of licence, and reporting all convictions and cautions to the Licensing Authority within 7 days, in accordance with the conditions of licence.

184. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to an exempt report of the Licensing Officer in respect of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The Licensing Officer presented the report, in respect of Case 18, to the Committee, providing information on the offences disclosed by the CRB. Members were advised that the CRB disclosure also revealed that there was an investigation ongoing in respect of the applicant.

The applicant, and his legal representative, were in attendance and were agreeable to the Members and Officers knowing his name. The applicant's legal representative advised members that there was no foundation to the allegations and was confident that the police investigation would exonerate his client of all charges.

The Council Solicitor advised Members that information on the outcome of the police investigation should be obtained prior to the Committee making its decision.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of an application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred until a future meeting of the Central Licensing Committee.

185. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the Central Licensing Committee be held at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 9th May 2011 in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....