
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES
SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JULY 2016 AT 10.15 A.M.
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WEELEY**

Present: Councillors Cossens (Vice-Chairman – in the Chair), J Henderson, Raby and Watson

In Attendance: Licensing Manager (Simon Harvey), Solicitor (Linda Trembath), Committee Services Officer (Janey Nice) and Licensing Officer (Emma King)

1. CHAIR

In the absence of the Chairman of the Sub-Committee (Councillor V E Guglielmi), the Chair was occupied by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Cossens.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor V E Guglielmi (with no substitution). Apologies were also received from Councillor White with Councillor Talbot substituting and Councillor Broderick was also present. However as Councillors Broderick and Talbot had not received up-to-date Licensing training they were unable to participate in the meeting and withdrew before the commencement of the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on 20 April 2016, were approved as a correct record by Councillors J Henderson and Watson and signed by the Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

5. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCES

The Sub-Committee noted the contents of a report (A.1) on the number of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers, vehicles and operators, licensed by the Council as at 13 July 2016, which was submitted for information only. Councillor Cossens sought clarification from the Licensing Manager as to the difference between the number of private hire drivers and vehicles as opposed to the number of private hire operators. He assumed that this was because some operators had more than one vehicle. The Licensing Manager confirmed that this was the case.

6. APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A SEX ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE – ADULT CENTRE, 28 ORWELL ROAD, CLACTON-ON-SEA

The Sub-Committee considered an application (A.2) from Miss Amanda Allen for the renewal of the Sex Establishment Licence held in respect of the above premises.

It was reported that the Applicant proposed that trading would take place between 9.00am and 8.00pm on Mondays to Saturdays and the Sub-Committee was advised that the

premises complied with the current conditions imposed, as set out in Appendix 'A' to item A.2 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Operational Services).

It was further reported that consultation papers had been sent to Essex Police and the local Ward Councillors. At the time of the meeting, no comments, objections or observations had been received from either of those sources. Residents in the neighbourhood considered likely to be affected by the application had been consulted and no objections had been received by the date of the meeting.

Members were informed that notice of the application had been displayed on the premises in the prescribed manner and a public notice to that effect had been published in the local newspaper, as required by statute.

The Sub-Committee had before it, as set out in Appendix 'B' to the report, those grounds, which were material to the determination of such an application, as set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982.

The Sub-Committee were informed that the Applicant was not present at the meeting. In answer to a question from a member of the Committee as to the absence of the Applicant, the Licensing Manager stated that the applicant had been advised that unless there were objections to the renewal or any other issues that Members may wish to discuss with her then she had been advised that her attendance at the meeting was not necessary. The Licensing Manager also advised that as far as he was aware there had been no problems with the premises, Applicant or any employees that she may have and that the premises was subject to inspection by the Council at any time. The Sub-Committee noted and agreed with that approach.

It was moved by Councillor Watson and seconded by Councillor Raby and **RESOLVED** that the application for the renewal of a Sex Establishment Licence be granted, for one year, subject to the conditions as set out in Appendix 'A' to item A.2 of the Report of the Corporate Director (Operational Services).

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor Watson seconded by Councillor Raby and **RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business to be considered below on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act:

- (a) Exempt Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 20 April 2016; and
- (b) Reports of the Corporate Director (Operational Services)

B.1 - Application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence

B.2 - Appeals against refusal of Hackney Carriage Driver Applications

8. EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Exempt Minutes of the last meeting of the Sub-Committee, held on 20 April 2016, were approved as a correct record by Councillors J Henderson and Watson, and signed by the Chairman. Councillor J Henderson asked if a named individual's bail (Minute 12 item (i) referred) had been extended and the Licensing Manager confirmed that that was the case.

9. **APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCE**

The Committee considered an application for the renewal of a Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence and the Committee's resolution for this case is detailed in the exempt minutes of this meeting..

10. **APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered named individuals' appeals against the Council's decisions to refuse their Hackney Carriage driver applications following the failing of the Council's knowledge test on three occasions. The Committee's resolutions are detailed in the exempt minutes of this meeting.

The meeting was declared closed at 11.22 p.m..

Chairman