

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**  
held in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney, Oxon  
at 10.30am on Thursday 15 January 2015

PRESENT

Councillors: N A MacRae MBE (Chairman), S J Good (Vice-Chairman), M Brennan, E H James and G Saul

31. MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 29 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

There were no apologies for absence or temporary appointments.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr James and Mr MacRae advised that they knew the drivers representative in a professional capacity but did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest.

34. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

**RESOLVED:** That the Sub-Committee, being of the opinion that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during the following item of business there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting.

35. REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee received the report of the Shared Head of Public Protection containing exempt information regarding a review of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence, copies of which had been circulated.

The Licensing Officer introduced her report and details of the endorsements were outlined. It was advised that the driver had always declared any penalty points to the licensing authority.

The driver was then interviewed by the Sub-Committee and the driver's representative presented the case for the retention of a licence, and provided details of the circumstances relating to the endorsements on the driving licence.

Having considered the report and the evidence given by the applicant, and their representative, the Sub-Committee expressed disappointment that this was the fifth time the driver had appeared before them. It was emphasised that at a previous hearing the driver had been reminded of the need to adhere to speed limits. Whilst acknowledging that the driver had advised of the endorsements it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That, having regard to the number of penalty points current on the DVLA Driving Licence, the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be suspended for a period of 10 days; and
- (b) The licence holder be advised that he was required to undertake the Driving Standards Agency driving test within a period of three months.

The public was then readmitted to the meeting and advised of the decision.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

CHAIRMAN