

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE HELD AT
FOLLATON HOUSE, TOTNES ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015**

MEMBERS

∅ Cllr J H Baverstock - Chairman

* Cllr P K Cuthbert - Vice-Chairman

∅ Cllr J I G Blackler

* Cllr B E Carson

* Cllr B S Cooper

∅ Cllr R D Gilbert

∅ Cllr M Hannaford

* Cllr D W May

* Cllr C M Pannell

* Cllr M F Saltern

* Cllr J W Squire

* Cllr S A E Wright

* Denotes attendance

∅ Denotes apology for absence

Officers in attendance and participating:

All Agenda Items: Business Support Manager, Licensing Officer, Solicitor and Member Services Manager

L.01/14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 18 September 2013 and the Sub-Committees held during the period 18 September 2013 to 29 September 2014 were all confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

L.02/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, and the following were made:

Cllr D W May declared a personal interest in Item 7 'To determine whether an applicant for a Hackney Carriage drivers licence is a Fit and Proper person to hold such a licence' as one of the organisations referred to in the exempt papers was an organisation that his company had business with. He remained in the meeting and took part in the debate and vote thereon.

L.03/14 SUMMARY OF NEW/VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCES ISSUED BETWEEN 1 APRIL 2014 AND 31 DECEMBER 2014 PLUS LICENCES ISSUED UNDER THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS ACT 1982 PLUS OTHER MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

The Licensing Officer introduced a table of licences that had been issued between 1 April 2014 and 31 December 2014 to enable Members to make any comments.

Following a brief discussion, it was then:

RESOLVED

That the table of licences issued between 1 April 2014 and 31 December 2014 be noted.

L.04/14 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED

“That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in order to avoid the likely disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”

L.05/14 **TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN APPLICANT FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE IS A ‘FIT AND PROPER’ PERSON TO HOLD SUCH A LICENCE**

Consideration was given to an exempt report which sought to determine whether an applicant was a ‘fit and proper’ person to hold a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence with this Authority in accordance with section 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Chairman introduced the report. The Applicant was in attendance at the meeting and was given the opportunity to address the Committee. Also in attendance were a previous employer and the prospective employer of the Applicant. Some Members asked questions of those attending and the Business Support Manager confirmed the options that were open to the Committee.

(At this point, the Hackney Carriage Driver was asked to leave the meeting to enable the Committee to make a decision. The Solicitor and Member Services Manager remained in the meeting).

The Decision

The Chairman then proceeded to announce the decision as follows:

“In consideration of all of the information presented, the Committee have decided to grant the applicant’s Hackney Carriage Driving Licence.”

(Meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 10.45 am).

Chairman

