

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
WBC Licensing and Control Committee 'A' of
Worthing Borough Council**

Gordon Room, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing

Monday 16 November 2015

Councillor Paul High (Chairman)

Joan Bradley	Lionel Harmann
Keith Bickers	*Joshua High
Callum Buxton	Susan Jelliss
Michael Cloake	*Mary Lermite
Edward Crouch	Sean McDonald
Norah Fisher	Louise Murphy
Diane Guest	Tom Wye

*Absent

LCCA/15-16/13 Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest

LCCA/15-16/14 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Licensing and Control Committee A meeting of held on the 27 July 2015 be approved

LCCA/15-16/15 Public Question Time

There were no questions or statement made by the public.

LCCA/15-16/16 Exclusion of the press and public

Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting from the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated against the item.

**LCCA/15-16/17 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Determination
of a Review of a Private Hire Licence**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which was circulated to all Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 5.

The Committee undertook the procedure laid out before it.

The Committee adjourned at 6.48pm to consider its decision

The Committee reconvened at 7.16pm

The meeting was told that In reaching its decision, the Licensing Committee had given due regard to relevant legislation and guidance within the Councils' Taxi and Private Hire Handbook. The Committee also gave regard to human rights legislation and the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to representations that were made at the hearing and in writing.

Resolved: that the licence be granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Internal and external CCTVs to be fitted to the applicant's vehicle
2. The licence will be reviewed in 12 months

Reasons for decision: The applicant's previous convictions are of a very serious nature and the Committee did have concerns. However it is noted that the applicant's conviction was in July 2000 and prior to that the applicant had received a conviction in 1988. The applicant had therefore received no convictions for 15 years which was a significant factor for the Committee in deciding this matter.

The Committee is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

Advice to parties: The applicant was reminded that he had a right of appeal against the Committee's decision to the Magistrates' Court. You must submit that appeal within 21 days of being notified of this decision.

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Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, a copy of which was circulated to all Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 6.

The Committee undertook the procedure laid out before it.

The Committee adjourned at 7.45pm to consider its decision

The Committee reconvened at 7.55pm

the meeting was told that in reaching its decision, the Licensing Committee gave due regard to relevant legislation and guidance within the Councils' Taxi and Private Hire Handbook. The Committee also gave regard to human rights legislation and the rules of natural justice. Due consideration was given to representations that were made at the hearing and in writing.

Resolved: that the licence be granted

Reasons for decision: The Committee accepted the applicant's explanation for not informing the Council of his conviction and also note that it dates from May 2007, more than 8 years ago. The Committee note that this is the only previous conviction

the applicant had, the applicant previously held a licence with this authority and is presently employed with Arrow taxi firm.

Due to all of these factors the Committee is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a driver's licence.

The meeting was declared closed at by the Chairman at 7:56pm, it having commenced at 6.30pm.

Chairman