

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2006, in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 10.00 am.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Goode (Chair); Councillors Ashford, Copping, Ms Flanagan, Hatfield and Kinson.

(Councillor Kinson substituted for Councillor Coker, Councillor Hatfield substituted for Councillor Doody, Councillor Copping substituted for Councillor Harris and Councillor Ashford substituted for Councillor Mrs Knight).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Kundi.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on the 25 January and the 20 February 2006, were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18. PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

19. PRIVATE HIRE/HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER WITH CONVICTIONS

A report from Members' Services was submitted on convictions against a holder of private hire/hackney carriage drivers licence.

Details of the convictions recorded against STS (date of birth 8.9.68) who held hackney carriage/private hire driver's licences were set out in the report. STS attended the meeting, addressed the Committee and answered questions from members.

STS was then invited to sum up, which he did. He then left the room whilst the Committee made a decision.

The Committee received advice from the Officers.

RESOLVED that no action be taken to revoke or suspend STS's licence but that he be warned as to his future conduct.

STS was then invited back into the meeting and informed of the decision.

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20. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCES

The Committee considered a report from Members' Services on an application for hackney carriage/private hire driver's licences where the applicant's Criminal Records Bureau's disclosure revealed convictions.

Authority had been delegated to the Officers to approve or refuse applications for driver licences depending on previous convictions or endorsements. If an application were refused by the Officers the applicant was invited to appeal to the Committee. At its meeting held in May 1992 the Licensing Sub-Committee had agreed guidelines relating to the relevance of convictions. A copy of the guidelines was circulated with the report.

Details of the offences shown on the Criminal Record Bureau's disclosure for Mr T, date of birth 20.4.57 were set out in the report.

Mr T attended the meeting, addressed the Committee and answered questions from members. Mr T was then invited to sum which he did. He then left the room whilst the Committee made a decision.

The Committee received advice from the Officers.

RESOLVED that in view of the nature and timing of the matters revealed on his CRB disclosure the application from Mr T for hackney carriage/private hire driver's licences be refused.

Although this item was not on the agenda the Chair agreed for it to be considered as a matter of urgency.

(The meeting ended at 11.00 am)