

General Licensing Sub-Committee

Wednesday, 3 September 2008

Present: Councillor Edward Smith (Chair) and Councillors Anthony Gee, Thomas McGowan and Ralph Snape

08.GLS.08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Judith Boothman and Keith Iddon.

08.GLS.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None of the Sub-Committee members declared an interest in the principal item for discussion on the meeting's agenda.

08.GLS.10 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the General Licensing Sub-Committee held on 6 August 2008 were received as a correct record.

08.GLS.11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

08.GLS.12 APPLICATION TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director of Governance seeking the Sub-Committee's instructions on any action deemed appropriate in respect of the private hire driver's licence held by the person identified in the submitted report.

The report drew attention to three serious offences for which the driver had been convicted on 23 July 2008 at South Ribble Magistrates' Court and, additionally to the fact that the driver had failed to notify the Council of his change of address within 7 days, as required by the conditions attached to his private hire driver's licence number 9.

The driver did not appear before the Sub-Committee to make representations and answer questions from the Members. The Sub-Committee was, however, satisfied that reasonable steps had been taken by the Licensing Section to inform the driver of the current hearing.

(At this point, the Licensing Manager left the meeting room.)

In the driver's absence, the Sub-Committee considered the most expedient action to be taken, after taking account of all the relevant factors and implications.

RESOLVED – That, in the light of the seriousness of the convicted offences involving dishonesty, the apparent disregard for the licensing regulations and the implications of his behaviour, the private hire driver’s licence number 9 held by the driver identified in the submitted report be revoked.

(The driver was informed of the Sub-Committee’s decision by letter on 5 September 2008, together with his right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.)

Chair