

LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

12 October 2005

Present: Councillor R Snape (Chairman), Councillor Miss Iddon (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Bedford, David Dickinson, Mrs D Dickinson, A Gee, T Gray, Lennox, Hoyle, E Smith and Walker.

05.LS.49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors McGowan, Mrs Lees, Mrs Smith and Mrs Walsh.

05.LS.50 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL/PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

No Member declared an interest in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

05.LS.51 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing and Safety Committee held on 24 August 2005 be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

05.LS.52 PROPOSED INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Legal Services on a request received from the local Hackney Carriage Association for an increase to be made to the rate of fares charged for the hire of hackney carriages due to the escalating cost of hackney carriage running costs, in particular fuel and insurance since the last fare increase on 12 May 2004.

A schedule comprising hackney carriage fares currently operating in Chorley and for surrounding districts was appended to the report for comparison.

RESOLVED - That, subject to there being no objection following the publication of the required statutory notices, the rate of fares for the hire of hackney carriage operating in the Chorley Borough area to be varied as follows:

Distance not exceeding ½ mile	£1.80p
For each subsequent 1/15 mile	£0.10p
For 1 mile	£2.60p
For 2 miles	£4.10p
For 3 miles	£5.60p
For 4 miles	£7.10p
Waiting time for each period of 30 seconds or part	£0.10p
Seating Charge	(Unchanged at £45.00)

05.LS.53 LICENSING AND REGISTRATIONS LICENSES ISSUED FROM 2 AUGUST 2005 TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2005

The Committee received a report of the Director of Legal Services on the various licences and permits issued and the registration affected by the Licensing Section since the last ordinary meeting and Members raised questions relating to

enforcement issues.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

05.LS.54 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 they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

05.LS.55 APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGES/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF CHORLEY (MR CC)

The Director of Legal Services submitted a report requesting the Committee to determine an application submitted by Mr CC for a licence to drive a Hackney Carriages/Private Hire Vehicles.

A Criminal Record Bureau check had revealed information that would determine the grant of a licence would only be made following the deliberations of the Licensing and Safety Committee.

On application, Mr CC maintained that he had no previous convictions after being told that in an application of this nature convictions are never spent and all convictions, however old, must be declared.

The applicant, along with his father, attended the meeting to put forward representations in support of his application and the Committee carefully considered the representations made.

RESOLVED - 1) That the application be refused on the grounds that the Committee is not satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be granted a private hire/hackney carriage drivers licence.

2) That the reasons were that the Committee took the view that the applicant failed to accept that he had been convicted of an offence and accept responsibility with regard to his conviction and also that based on his demeanour at the meeting that he had anger management issues, therefore the Committee were concerned that he would not present appropriate behaviour within difficult situations.

05.LS.56 PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - POLICE CAUTION FOR ASSAULT - MR KS

This item was withdrawn from the agenda as further information was required.

05.LS.01 FIELD_TITLE

Chairman