
Meeting	Gambling, Licensing & Regulatory Committee
Date	20 July 2015
Present	Councillors Douglas (Chair), Boyce (Vice-Chair), Flinders, Gillies, Hayes, Hunter, Mason, Mercer, D Myers, Orrell, Richardson and Taylor
Apologies	Councillors Aspden, Looker and Shepherd

1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Gillies declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he used to be a Station Taxis Hackney Driver and was known to one of the parties.

Councillor Mason declared a personal interest as he had used one of the legal firms employed by one of the parties.

2. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 5 on the grounds that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of an individual(s). This information is classed as exempt under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation) Order 2006.

3. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last two meetings held on 16th and 23rd February 2015 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

5. Proprietorship of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

Members were asked to determine a claim by the driver of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle that he being the proprietor of the licensed vehicle, is entitled to have his name entered on the vehicle licence. The matter had been previously considered by the Committee in February 2015. Following that meeting, both parties were given further time to provide satisfactory proof of ownership.

The Licensing Manager updated the Committee to advise that she had been asked by both parties to bring the matter back to the Committee but since the report had been published, it had been confirmed that the matter was now being dealt with by the Courts.

Representations were heard from both parties Solicitors who confirmed that it was the intention of both parties to pursue a declaration of ownership of the vehicle by the County Court.

Resolved: That following the statements made by both parties Solicitors, the committee agreed to defer the matter until the decision of the court and delegate authority to Officers to determine the renewal of the licence following the decision of the court.

Reason: To satisfactorily prove ownership of the vehicle to the taxi licensing authority to enable the licence to be renewed.

Councillor Helen Douglas, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].