



**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**10.00 A.M., MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2009**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**  
**PART 2**

**18. Application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 4.1 – 4.9 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Applicant attended the meeting to present his case.

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves.

The Officer presented the Council's case by taking the Committee through the report outlining the relevant issues for consideration. She advised that the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence had been made by the Applicant on 28 January 2009. The Applicant was aware of the Council's age policy and that an exemption applied for "exceptional vehicles". It was reported that the vehicle was first licensed by the Authority as a hackney carriage vehicle on 1 March 2007 and continued to be licensed until its 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on 5 February 2009. The Officer then outlined the findings of the Enforcement Officer's inspection of the vehicle (included at Annex 4 of the report).

Members were asked to determine the application and consider whether the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle".

The Applicant was afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the Officer. He informed the Committee that the scratches and paint chips had been attended to since the inspection but declined thereafter to say anything further, save for the fact that he would let the vehicle speak for itself.

Members of the Committee were then afforded the opportunity of asking questions of the Officer. Following this, Members then examined the Applicant's vehicle.

The Applicant was then asked to present his case. He stated that Members had viewed the vehicle and he considered that it was in an exceptional condition given that it was 6 years old. He added that the vehicle had been serviced regularly. The vehicle's service history was circulated to Members of the Committee.

The Committee was then given the opportunity of asking questions of the Applicant. The Applicant considered that the vehicle should be judged on its merits.

When afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant, the Officer indicated she had no questions.

The Officer then summed up the Council's case.

The Applicant was then afforded the opportunity to sum up his case.

The Committee then deliberated in private accompanied by the Council's Legal Adviser and Secretary to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That having regard to all the circumstances, the application for a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence be approved for a period of 12 months, as the Committee was satisfied that the vehicle was an "exceptional vehicle" as defined by the Council's policy for the age restriction of Hackney Carriage vehicles.

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CHAIRMAN