

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY 13 APRIL, 2017 AT 10:00AM**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT: Councillors

Grice, Mrs. D. (Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C.	Sutherland, M.
Dean, A.	Todd, Mrs. D.
Lea, C.I.	Witton, P.T.
Snape, D.J.	

**24. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillors M.R. Grocott.

**25. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members**

No Declarations of Interests were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members' Interests.

**26. Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed.

**27. Exclusion of Public**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 2, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

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**PART 2**

*(The commencement of the hearing was adjourned until 10.20am as the Driver had indicated he was running a little late).*

**28. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver**

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication report of the Managing Director (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.29 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Chairman invited all those present to introduce themselves and outlined the procedure to be followed at the Hearing. All parties confirmed their understanding of the procedure.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority presented the Council's case by taking the Committee through the report outlining the relevant issues for consideration.

The Driver and Members of the Committee were then offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

The Driver then presented his case to the Committee.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and Members of the Committee were then offered the opportunity to ask questions of the Applicant.

The Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Driver then summed up their respective cases to the Committee.

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

Following the deliberations, the Officer of the Licensing Authority and the Driver returned to the meeting and Chairman read out the decision of the Committee. The Legal Advisor to the Committee read out the reasons for the decision on the Chairman's behalf.

RESOLVED:

That, having regard to all the circumstances, relevant factors and

representations made, it was the decision of the Committee to revoke the Driver's Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence, as the Committee was not satisfied that he was a fit and proper person to continue to hold such a licence.

#### Reasons for the Decision

The Committee found that the driver failed to notify the Council of the MS90 convictions of 20/12/16 and 17/12/15 and the SP50 fixed penalty of 22/01/15.

This is the third occasion that the Driver has been before this Committee for non-notification.

Despite many years of working as a licensed driver and two previous suspensions for non-notification, the driver has still failed to notify the Council of convictions or endorsements as required by Policy.

The Committee also notes that Policy provides that a driver with a DVLA licence with 12 points or more may be revoked. The driver has in excess of 12 points as of today.

The Committee is not satisfied that the driver is a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence.

The meeting closed at 11.45am.

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CHAIRMAN