

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING/PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2005 AT 10.00 A.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Easton, R. (Chairman)
Butler, R.D. (Vice-Chairman)

Allen, F.W.C. Hodges, E.J.
Bullock, L.W. Williams, B.
Dixon, D.I.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. P.A. Ansell, I.R. Carr and Mrs. G.M. Whitehouse)

47. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2005 were approved as a correct record.

48. 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 7, Part I, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

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PART 2

49. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

(Prior to consideration of the application Members adopted Procedure A for the purpose of the hearing as it was considered cross-examination was appropriate given the nature of the application).

Consideration was given to the Not for Publication Report of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.18 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The representative of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection submitted the Council's case. The applicant and the Members of the Committee, were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the Council's representative.

The Committee decided not to admit the spent criminal convictions as evidence as they considered that applying the test in the case of *Adamson v Waveney DC* (1997), justice did not require admission of the spent convictions.

The applicant put forward his case. Following this, Members of the Committee and the Council's representative were afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the applicant. Both parties summarised their cases before the Committee deliberated in private.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That, no action be taken in respect of the applicant's Hackney Driver's Licence.
- (B) That, should the applicant commit any further offences of a similar nature, the Committee would take a serious view of the situation.

(Members noted the efforts of Officers in bringing the case to the Licensing/Public Protection Committee for consideration.)

50. PREVIOUS APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Consideration was given to the Report of the Head of Environmental Health and Public Protection (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.2 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

CHAIRMAN