

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES

Date: Thursday 23 July 2009

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors P Kissane (Chair), C Latif (Vice-chair), L Knight, John Lloyd CC, L Strange, P Stuart and B Underwood. Agenda Item: **3**

In Attendance: Heather Morris, Licensing Manager, Robert Cox, Licensing Officer, Prabhjit Sobti, Principal Solicitor and Ola Adeoye, Committee Clerk

Start/End Time: Start Time: 10.00 a.m.
End Time: 10.45 a.m.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Cherney-Craw, P Gallagher, L Martin-Haugh, M Notley, J Pickersgill, and M Patston.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 PROCEDURE

The procedure for the meeting was noted.

3 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None

4 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.
2. That, having considered the reasons for the following reports being in Part II, it be agreed that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure

5 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR R

The Chair introduced the Members, the Principal Solicitor and Committee Clerk to Mr R.

The Committee considered the facts of the case, as presented by the Licensing Manager. The Committee was advised that the issue before the Committee was to determine whether Mr R remains a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence, and whether action is necessary as a result of that decision.

The Chair then invited Mr R to present his case to the Committee. The Members asked Mr R a number of questions relating to his motoring offences.

The Licensing Manager and Mr R both made closing speeches, after which all parties except the Members, Legal Advisor and Committee clerk withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the matters raised.

Following thorough consideration of the case by Members, Mr. R and the Licensing officers were invited back into the meeting to hear the Committee's decision.

It was **RESOLVED** that having considered all the evidence no further action would be taken against Mr R, however if there are any further similar convictions, Mr R would be brought before this Committee for reconsideration; and in that case Mr R's previous convictions will be taken into consideration.

6 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None