

# STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 12 February 2008

Time: 11.00 a.m.

Place: Autun Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

**Present:** H.C.L. Tessier (Chair), C. Latif (Vice Chair), P.D.  
Kissane, D. Royall and P. Stuart

Agenda Item:

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**In Attendance:**

**Start/End Time:** Start Time: 11.00 a.m.  
End time: 12.30pm

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Cherney Craw, E. Harrington, L. Knight, J. Lloyd, CC, M. Notley, J. Pickersgill, R.J. Smith, MBE, DL and L Strange.

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2 URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

None

### **3 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from 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.

### **4 REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE - MR M**

The Chair introduced the Members, the Principal Solicitor and Committee Clerk to Mr. M and his representative.

The Committee considered the facts of the case, including a statement of the investigating police officer, as presented by the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing. The Committee was advised of possible courses of action available to them.

Mr. M.'s representative presented Mr. M's case to the Committee. The Members of the Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. M and his representative.

The Head of Environmental Health and Licensing and Mr. M.'s representative both made closing speeches, after which they withdrew with Mr. M. from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the matters raised.

Following thorough consideration of the case by Members, Mr. M., his representative and the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing were invited back into the meeting to hear the Committee's decision.

It was RESOLVED that the Committee having considered the matter carefully and having heard evidence and arguments from both sides, found that it was reasonable to revoke Mr M's Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence with immediate effect in the interests of public safety and for the reasons detailed in the Part II Decisions of this Committee.

Mr M was advised of his right to appeal the decision to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

## **5 URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None