

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 4 November 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors P.D. Kissane (Chair), C. Latif
(Vice Chair), John Lloyd, CC, Lin Martin-
Haugh and J. Pickersgill,

Agenda Item:

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In Attendance: -

Start/End Time: Start Time: 10.00 a.m.
End Time: 11.06 a.m.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence had been submitted on behalf of Councillors P. Gallagher, L.Knight, M. Notley, L.Strange, P. Stuart, J. Thomas and B. Underwood.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 26 SEPTEMBER 2008

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the General Purposes Committee held on Friday, 26 September 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3 PROCEDURE

The procedure for the meeting was noted.

4 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None

5 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.

6 APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER VEHICLE LICENCE - MR P

The Chair agreed for the Supplementary Information to be circulated at the meeting and considered before the commencement of the proceedings as it directly related to the case being heard.

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

The Licensing Manager presented the facts of the case to the Committee. Mr P, at this stage, suggested to the Members that previous convictions highlighted by the Officer were not relevant as these were spent convictions.

The Head of Environmental Health introduced the Supplementary Information to Members. The Committee was advised of possible courses of action available to them.

Mr. P made his representation to the Committee. A Member asked the applicant a number of questions.

The Licensing Manager and applicant both made closing speeches, after which they withdrew from the meeting whilst the Committee considered the matters raised.

The Committee reviewed the evidence and arguments from both sides and it was **RESOLVED** that it is considered the applicant is not a fit and proper person to hold a valid licence, hence Mr P's application for Private and Hire Driver's Licence be **REFUSED**.

At this juncture Mr P and the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing were recalled to the meeting and informed of the Committee's decision.

Mr P was informed that he could appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

7 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None