

## AGENDA: 3

### STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

#### GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES

**Date: Wednesday 21 October 2011**

**Time: 10.00 a.m.**

**Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage**

**Present:** Councillors P Kissane (Chair), B Underwood ( Vice Chair), C Hurst, J Lloyd CC, J Pickersgill and P Stuart

**In Attendance:**

**Start/End Time:** Start Time: 10.00 a.m.  
End Time: 11.50 a.m

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

Apologies were received from Councillors R Clark, D Cullen, L Harrington, M Hearn, L Martin-Haugh, J Mead and M Notley.

There were no declarations of interest

#### 2. MINUTES - 14 SEPTEMBER 2011

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes meeting held on 14 September 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 3. PROCEDURE

The Procedure 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 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.

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

## **6. PART II MINUTES – 14 SEPTEMBER 2011**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes meeting held on 14 September 2011 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## **7. REVIEW OF TAXI LICENCE FOR MR K**

The Chair introduced the Members, the Solicitor and Committee clerk to Mr K and his legal representative.

The Committee considered the facts of the case, as presented by the Licensing Manager. The Committee considered the facts of the case as presented by the Licensing Officer. The Committee was advised that the issue before the Committee was to determine whether Mr K 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 K to present his case to the Committee. The Members asked Mr K a number of questions relating to his behaviour and motoring offences.

The Licensing Officer and Mr K (through his Legal representatives) 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 K 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 and oral representation, Mr K's Dual Licence be suspended for a period of six months with immediate effect, and only to be lifted on satisfactory evidence that:

- Mr K has undertaken the NVQ2 Customer Care Course and Anger Management Course with follow up counselling.
- Mr K has undertaken and passed the Driving Standards Agency (DSA) test for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers.
- Mr K provide Criminal Record Bureau checks annually and DVLA checks on a six monthly basis to the Council.

## **8. REVIEW OF TAXI LICENCE FOR MR S**

Decision taken.

## 9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None

The Chair