

**NORTH DEVON COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE B of the LICENSING COMMITTEE held at the Civic Centre, Barnstaple on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 9.15 a.m.

PRESENT: Members:

Councillor Mathews (Chairman)

Councillors Fowler and Haywood.

Councillor Tucker attended the meeting as a Substitute Member.

Officers:

Assistant Solicitor (DH), Lead Officer – Licensing and Senior Member Services Officer (BT).

**(a) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest announced.

**(c) EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED:

- (i) That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- (ii) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as “Not for Publication”.

**(d) APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE – REFERENCE MRNV**

The Chairman introduced himself, Members of the Sub-Committee, Officers present and the applicant before outlining the nature of the hearing.

The Lead Officer – Licensing outlined a report (circulated previously) regarding an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (reference MRNV). She advised that whilst the vehicle met all other vehicle specifications, it did not meet the requirements of paragraph 3.4 of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy in that the vehicle was more than five years old.

The applicant addressed the Sub-Committee. He explained the circumstances in relation to the surrender of the previous Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence for his vehicle.

Members of the Sub-Committee questioned the applicant.

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to enable the Sub-Committee to inspect the vehicle.

RESOLVED that it being the conclusion of the vehicle inspection the meeting be reconvened.

RESOLVED that everyone be excluded from the meeting with the exception of Members, the Legal representative and Committee Clerk in order to receive legal advice in accordance with paragraph 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED that everyone be re-admitted to the meeting.

The Chairman requested that the Senior Member Services Officer read the proposed decision, which was voted upon and agreed.

In considering the application, the Sub-Committee took into account the excellent condition of the vehicle and the reasons why the vehicle licence had been previously surrendered.

RESOLVED that the application for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence (reference MRNV) be granted.

Chairman

The meeting ended at 9.35 a.m.

**NOTE:** These minutes will be confirmed as a correct record at the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.