

**LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 2014

Present – Councillors A. Connell (Chairman), J. Byrne, L. Byrne, Chadwick, Mrs. Fairclough, Hall, Haslam, Murray, Peel (as deputy for Councillor D. Burrows), Sherrington (as deputy for Councillor Kay), Mrs Swarbrick and Wild.

Councillor A. Connell in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Burrows, Greenhalgh, Jones and Kay.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the proceedings of a meeting of the Committee held on 26th August, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**16. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC MATTERS)**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Traffic Matters) held on 9th September, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

**17. MINUTES OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE
(SENSITIVE CASES)**

The minutes of the proceedings of the Licensing Sub-Committee (Sensitive Cases) held on 26th August, 2014 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

18. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in

paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in its exemption outweighs the public interest in its disclosure.

19. APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE LER/29/14

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed an application to licence a hackney carriage vehicle as the previous licence had expired.

The applicant attended the meeting.

Resolved – That in respect of application numbered LER/29/14 a hackney carriage vehicle licence be granted, the Claimant having demonstrated exceptional circumstances subject to the vehicle passing the hackney carriage vehicle examination and undertaking vehicle examinations every three months thereafter with the matter being reviewed at a meeting of this Committee in twelve months' time.

20. APPLICATION FOR A PET SHOP LICENCE LER/30/14

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which asked members to consider the renewal application for a licence to keep a pet shop under the Pet Animals Act 1951. It was explained that the Trading Standards Team had received, on 9th January, 2014, a renewal application for a pet shop licence.

Members were reminded that consideration of this matter had been deferred at the last meeting, held in August, 2014 pending the receipt of a further up to date inspection of the premises, the production of relevant paperwork by the applicant showing that the premises were maintained in accordance with the requirements of the agencies referred to in the report and the production of an independent Council commissioned veterinary surgeon's report.

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The Committee also heard verbal representations from the Trading Standards Officers and written and verbal representations from the applicant.

Resolved – That a Committee site visit be undertaken to the premises prior to making a decision on the renewal application.

(The meeting started at 3.00pm and finished at 4.40pm)