

**EXTRAORDINARY LICENSING COMMITTEE held at 12.30
am at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON
WALDEN on 1 MARCH 2010**

Present:- Councillor E W Hicks – Chairman
Councillors E L Bellingham-Smith, J I Loughlin and
A D Walters.

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy (Licensing Officer), M Perry
(Assistant Chief Executive) and C Roberts
(Democratic Services Officer)

LC59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman of the Committee opened the proceedings and welcomed the Members of the Panel.

LC60 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the Committee considered its decision on the grounds that the consideration involved exempt information within the meaning of s.100 I and paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A Local Government Act.

**LC61 DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE
HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE**

The Committee considered the report presented by the Licensing Officer setting out the application and a letter from the applicant to the Panel which had been circulated prior to the meeting and which set out the reasons why the applicant could not attend the hearing and which addressed the Panel on matters relevant to the application.

Members confirmed that they had received the representations from the applicant and the Licensing Officer noted that the representations confirmed that the applicant had received the Licensing Officer's report.

The Licensing Officer reminded the Panel that the test was whether the applicant was a fit and proper person to be issued with a licence; the Licensing Officer had made appropriate CRB and medical inquiries which had revealed no unspent convictions or medical reason for refusal.

Members considered the detailed information provided concerning the applicant's history.

The Licensing Officer withdrew from the room and the Panel of Members began to consider their decision at 12.41 pm.

LC62

DETERMINATION OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Panel of Members recalled the Licensing Officer to the meeting at about 12.50 pm and the Chairman announced that the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person and resolved that the driver's licence should be granted.

The meeting ended at 12.50 pm.