

**LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE held at 7.30 pm at COUNCIL OFFICES  
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN on 22 NOVEMBER 2000**

Present:- Councillor R C Dean – Chairman.  
Councillors E C Abrahams, Mrs C A Cant, Mrs S Flack, M A Hibbs  
and D J Morson.

Officers in attendance:- M Hardy – Licensing Enforcement Officer,  
Mrs J Harrison – Legal Officer, Mrs J Postings – Head of Legal  
Services, Mrs C Roberts – Committee Officer, R Secker – Head of  
Environmental Services and Mrs A Turner – Licensing Officer.

**L25 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A R Row and R B Tyler.

**L26 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2000 were received,  
confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**L27 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(a) Minute L21 – Hackney Carriage Stand – Great Dunmow**

The Head of Environmental Services reported that two motorists had received  
warning notices. The police, as well as the Council's officers, were going to  
supervise parking at the stand.

**(b) Minute L22 – Written procedures for determining licensing  
applications**

The Head of Legal Services reported that a draft procedure was currently being  
considered by officers.

**L28 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act  
1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of  
business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of  
Exempt Information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part I of  
Schedule 12A of the Act.

**L29 DETERMINATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – FIRST APPLICATION**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence where the criteria to enable the officers to determine the application under delegated authority were not satisfied. The Chairman explained to the applicant the procedure to be followed in considering the application. The applicant, who was present with his representative, made representations in support of his case. Members and officers questioned the applicant and the applicant had the opportunity to question the officers and sum up his case. The applicant confirmed that he considered he had had a fair hearing, and he and the licensing officers then left the meeting whilst the Sub-Committee considered its decision. They were later readmitted to be informed of the decision.

RESOLVED that the application for a Private Hire Driver's licence submitted by the individual named in the report be granted and that in view of the previous incident mentioned officers be asked to refer any further incident to the Sub-Committee immediately.

**L30 DETERMINATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – SECOND APPLICATION**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence where the criteria to enable the officers to determine the application under delegated authority were not satisfied. The Chairman explained to the applicant the procedure to be followed in considering the application.

The applicant, who was present with his wife, made representations in support of his case. His wife gave evidence as to his character. Members and officers questioned the applicant and the applicant had the opportunity to question officers and sum up his case. The applicant confirmed that he considered he had had a fair hearing, and he and the licensing officers then left the meeting. They were later readmitted to be informed of the decision.

RESOLVED that the application for a Private Hire Driver's Licence submitted by the individual named in the report be granted, and that the applicant be given a strong warning concerning the standard of his driving in the future.

**L31 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee was scheduled for 24 January 2001, but that a meeting might be necessary in mid-December.

The meeting ended at 7.37pm.