

**LICENSING BOARD
8th January, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor Foden); Councillors Andrews, Barron, Beck, Buckley, Dalton, Dodson, Doyle, Falvey, Gouly, N. Hamilton, Havenhand, McNeely, Read, Robinson, P. A. Russell, Sangster and Swift.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Hamilton.

Q49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wootton declared his personal interest in item 51 (Proprietor's Request for Individual Exemption to Licensed Vehicle Conditions), as the applicant is known to him; Councillor Wootton left the meeting and took no part in the consideration of that item, nor in the decision-making process. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Barron, assumed the Chair for that item.

Q50. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11TH DECEMBER 2013

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Licensing Board, held on Wednesday 11th December, 2013, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

(The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Barron, in the Chair)

Q51. PROPRIETOR'S REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION TO LICENSED VEHICLE CONDITIONS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, concerning a request from the owner/proprietor of private hire vehicles "AS60 COT Mercedes Benz 250E Class" and "B15 FFS (Mercedes Benz 220E Class)" for permission not to display the required licence identification plates on these vehicles. Members noted that permission not to display the identification plates would constitute an exemption to Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Members of the Licensing Board decided to defer this request until the next meeting, to enable the owner of the operating company and the vehicles to attend and present his case to the Board. Further information about the legislation regarding the display of vehicle identification plates was also requested.

(Councillor Wootton declared his personal interest in the above item because the applicant is known to him; Councillor Wootton left the meeting and took no part in the consideration of this item, nor in the decision-making process. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Barron, assumed the Chair for this item)

(After consideration of the above item, Councillor Wootton returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair)

Q52. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) 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 defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

Q53. DETERMINATION OF LICENSING ISSUES - HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, concerning the following four applications for the grant of promoters' permits to carry out house-to-house collections:-

Organisation	Area	Date
Claire House Children's Hospice	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014
Be Child Cancer Aware (BCCA)	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014
Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance (CCPA)	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014
Yorkshire Cancer Centre	Whole of the Rotherham Borough	1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014

Resolved:- (1) That the application be approved and a promoter's permit be granted in respect of the Yorkshire Cancer Centre.

(2) That the remaining three applications, as now submitted, be refused, because in the view of the Licensing Board there is no direct benefit to the residents of the Rotherham Borough area.

Q54. APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Licensing Board considered a report presented by the Licensing Manager relating to applications for the grant, renewal and review of hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. S.A.M., G.M., S.J.B. and S.H.

Messrs. S.A.M., G.M. and S.J.B. all attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

The Licensing Board agreed that the case relating to Mr. S.H. be deferred until the next meeting, to enable Mr. S.H. to attend and answer questions from the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That, further to Minute No. Q48(11) of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 11th December, 2013, the application for the grant of a licence in respect of Mr. S.A.M. be refused.

(2) That, further to Minute No. 62(1) of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 18th April, 2012, Mr. G.M. be granted a licence for a period of twelve months and he be issued with a written warning as to his future conduct.

(3) That the hackney carriage / private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. S.J.B. be renewed for a period of twelve months.