

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Tuesday 16 February 2010

Present: Councillors:
Graham Godbeer(Chairman)
Pat Graham
Jim Knight

Also Present Councillors;
Steve Hall
Barry Nicholson

Officers: John Tippin –Licensing Manager
Douglas Jackson – Licensing Officer
Chris Lane - Democratic Services Officer
Giles Salter – Assistant Solicitor

Apology: Councillor Chris Gibbings

The meeting started at 9.30 am and finished at 10.15 am.

*24 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee held on 2 February 2010, were confirmed and signed as a true record.

*25 **Hackney Carriage Vehicle Suitability**

Consideration was given to the report of the Licensing Officer on the District Council's policy which required all vehicles to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage to be not more than four years old when initially licensed by the Council. An application had been made to licence a vehicle which was 6.5 years old. The Sub Committee was asked to determine whether to make an exception to the policy in respect of vehicle age.

The Licensing Officer explained further background to the application and the applicant also provided the maintenance records of the vehicle, which had previously been licensed as a Hackney Carriage vehicle, but had not, had its licence renewed from 31 October 2008, due to it being under maintenance. The applicant provided the vehicle for inspection and Members inspected its external and internal condition.

RESOLVED that the Sub Committee used its discretion to grant the application to licence the vehicle as a Hackney carriage. This was a special exception to the existing policy as the Sub Committee had been given detailed information as to the vehicles servicing and maintenance history and the committee had been able to inspect the vehicle. The Licence was granted subject to the conditions that the vehicle being given two MOT compliance checks per year at six monthly intervals to the satisfaction of the taxi licensing officers.

Chairman Date.....