



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LICENSING (MISCELLANEOUS) SUB-COMMITTEE A

THURSDAY 15TH MARCH 2012 AT 10.30 A.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors Mrs. R. L. Dent (Chairman), S. P. Shannon and
Mrs. C. J. Spencer

Mrs. H. J. Jones (Substitute Member)

AGENDA

TAXI LICENSING HEARING PROCEDURE (Pages 1 - 2)

1. To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following resolution to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of item(s) of business containing exempt information:-

"RESOLVED: that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph(s)</u>
4	1, 2 and 3 "

4. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence - Review (Pages 3 - 6)

5. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

K. DICKS
Chief Executive

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8th March 2012



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Meeting Agendas
Meeting Minutes
The Council’s Constitution

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Declaration of Interests - Explained

Definition of Interests

A Member has a **PERSONAL INTEREST** if the issue being discussed at a meeting affects the well-being or finances of the Member, the Member's family or a close associate more than most other people who live in the ward affected by the issue.

Personal interests are also things relating to an interest the Member must register, such as any outside bodies to which the Member has been appointed by the Council or membership of certain public bodies.

A personal interest is also a **PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** if it affects:

The finances, or

A regulatory function (such as licensing or planning)

Of the Member, the Member's family or a close associate **AND** which a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of the facts would believe likely to harm or impair the Member's ability to judge the public interest.

Declaring Interests

If a Member has an interest they must normally declare it at the start of the meeting or as soon as they realise they have the interest.

EXCEPTION:

If a Member has a **PERSONAL INTEREST** which arises because of membership of another public body the Member only needs to declare it if and when they speak on the matter.

If a Member has both a **PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST** they must not debate or vote on the matter and must leave the room.

EXCEPTION:

If a Member has a prejudicial interest in a matter being discussed at a meeting at which members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter, the Member has the same rights as the public and can also attend the meeting to make representations, give evidence or answer questions **BUT THE MEMBER MUST LEAVE THE ROOM ONCE THEY HAVE FINISHED AND CANNOT DEBATE OR VOTE.**

However, the Member must not use these rights to seek to improperly influence a decision in which they have a prejudicial interest.

For further information please contact Committee Services, Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services, Bromsgrove District Council, The Council House, Burcot Lane, Bromsgrove, B60 1AA

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Appendix

TAXI LICENSING

HEARING PROCEDURE

1. The Chairman will open the hearing and introduce the members of the Sub-Committee and officers present.
2. The Chairman will ask the Applicant and his/her representative present to introduce themselves.
3. The Chairman will inform those present that the meeting is being recorded.
4. The Chairman will remind the Applicant that he/she can be represented by a legal representative at his/her own expense.
5. The Senior Licensing Practitioner will present the report and call any witnesses.
6. The Chairman will invite Members of the Sub-Committee and the Applicant to ask any relevant questions of the Senior Licensing Practitioner or the witnesses.
7. The Chairman will invite the Applicant or his/her representative to present the Applicant's case and to call any witnesses on behalf of the Applicant.
8. The Chairman will invite members of the Sub-Committee to put questions to the Applicant and/or his/her representative and/or witnesses.
9. The Chairman will invite the Applicant and/or his/her legal representative to sum up.
10. The Chairman will ask the Applicant to confirm that he/she has said all he/she wishes to.
11. The Chairman will ask the Sub-Committee Members if they have all the information they need to reach a decision.
12. The Applicant and any other parties present will retire from the meeting room so that the Sub-Committee can reach its decision in private.
13. When the Sub-Committee has reached its decision the Applicant and his/her representative will be invited to return to the meeting room. The Chairman will relay the decision and the reason(s) for the decision to the Applicant.
14. The Chairman will inform the Applicant of the date on which the decision will take effect and of any right of appeal.

An appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the Sub-Committee's decision must be lodged within 21 days of the date on which written confirmation of the decision is received by the Applicant.

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Agenda Item 4

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 2, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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