

Minutes of the meeting of the **REGULATORY** Committee held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday 9 August 2012 at 9.30 am.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor B W Butcher

Councillors: P S Le Chevalier
J M Smith
R J Thompson

Also Present: Mr D Saunders
Mrs Gasking

Officers: Senior Solicitor
Licensing Team Leader
Team Leader – Democratic Support

168 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

169 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

170 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 – APPLICATION TO LICENCE VEHICLE OUTSIDE OF POLICY GUIDELINES – MR SAUNDERS

The Licensing Team Leader informed the Committee that Mr D Saunders had applied for permission to licence a Smart 'Fourtwo' coupe (RJ58 CHD) as a Private Hire Vehicle.

The vehicle was outside the current policy guidelines by reason that:

- It had an engine capacity of less than 1500cc; and
- It did not have at least four doors and was not of sufficient size to accommodate at least four passengers.

The Committee adjourned to inspect the vehicle accompanied by the applicant (Mr Saunders) and officers. On reconvening, the Licensing Team Leader reminded the Committee that in the event it was minded to approve the application, it would only be approving a licence for a specific vehicle and not authorising any change in policy.

In accordance with the approved procedure the applicant withdrew from the meeting to permit the Committee to consider its decision. Upon resuming the meeting it was

RESOLVED: That, notwithstanding the Council's current policy guidelines:

- (a) That Mr Saunders be granted a Private Hire vehicle licence in respect of a Smart 'Fourtwo' coupe (RJ58 CHD) for a period of 6 months.

- (b) That the Private Hire Licence be reviewed by the Regulatory Committee in 6 months time from the date of the commencement of the licence.

The meeting ended at 10.15 am.