

MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Thursday 26th January 2006

**PRESENT: Councillor Huntbach (in the Chair)
Councillors Atkinson, D Barnes, Eaton, Entwistle, Forshaw,
Nicholass, J Pawson, Sandiford, H Steen, P Steen and
Unsworth**

**IN ATTENDANCE: S Chadwick, Licensing Manager
D Hamill, Licensing Enforcement Officer
E Newsome, Committee Services Manager**

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alcroft, L Barnes and Neal

MINUTES

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 8th December 2005 be signed by the Chair as a correct record subject to the correction in minute 9 to read:

That the Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence for Mr A.S be not granted, on the grounds that the applicant is not a fit and proper person due to the number and nature of the convictions listed in the report.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

ADDITIONAL TESTING STATIONS FOR TAXI MOT'S

The Licensing Enforcement Officer reported that the taxi trade had requested that additional testing stations be registered for the purpose of undertaking MOT testing on licensed vehicle. The Committee was advised that the trade were experiencing difficulties following the introduction of computerised booking systems, and that often, re-licensing of vehicles was delayed due to an inability of the current testing facilities, to meet demand.

Resolved:

1. That up to two further garages be registered with the Council for the purposes of testing the licensed fleet, and that, subject to interest, a reserve list of garages be established.
2. That the Licensing Manager be requested to formally advertise for expressions of interest from MOT testing stations within Rossendale.

GAMBLING ACT 2005

The Licensing Manager reported on the implementation of the Gambling Act 2005. The Committee was advised of its role and future functions under the legislation. Members were requested to give consideration as to applicable circumstances whereby the Committee would consider applications for the grant or renewal of permits under Section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968.

Resolved:

1. That the Committee note their existing responsibilities since the 24th November 2005.
2. That the Committee note the future implications for the Authority when the Act is finally implemented.
3. That the Committee will undertake to give consideration to all applications for the renewal of permits under Section 34, should said applications be:
 - a) for 2 or more gaming machines,
 - b) of a nature whereby controversial or sensitive issues in respect of the application are brought to the attention of the Licensing Manager.
 - c) any application which may impact upon vulnerable persons.

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 6.55pm.