HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Thursday 18 November 2010 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor JW Hope MBE (Chairman)

Councillor PGH Cutter (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: SPA Daniels, JHR Goodwin, RC Hunt, PJ McCaull and A Seldon

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors CM Bartrum, Brigadier P Jones and GA Powell.

78. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

79. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

80. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

81. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee noted the procedural arrangement for an appeal to be heard.

82. DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER'S LICENCE - REVIEW OF SUSPENSION NOTICE SERVED ON A DRIVER - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Senior Litigator and the Regulatory Services Manager referred to agenda item No. 7 regarding the suspension of a dual hackney carriage/private hire licence. The matter went part heard at the meeting of the Committee held on 2nd November to enable additional written information and representations to put before it by the officers, the licence holder and his representative. The additional information was presented by the officers and the applicant who, with his representative, gave a full and detailed account of the events which had led up to his licence being suspended from his perspective, together with the impact that the suspension had had upon his personal circumstances. The applicant called his employer as a character witness and submitted letters of support and other documentary evidence to the Committee for consideration. The applicant and his representative explained why they felt that the licence should be reinstated.

The Committee carefully considered all of the information placed before it including the report and supporting information presented by the Regulatory Services Manager and the applicant. Notwithstanding the representations and points made by the applicant and his representative, the Committee noted with concern the cumulative impact of the issues put before it and decided that the licence should be revoked.

RESOLVED THAT: the dual hackney carriage/private hire drivers licence be revoked.

The meeting ended at 4.15 pm

CHAIRMAN