Coventry City Council Minutes of the Meeting of Licensing and Regulatory Committee held at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor P Hetherton (Chair)

Councillor J Birdi
Councillor R Brown
Councillor J Clifford
Councillor G Crookes
Councillor D Gannon
Councillor D Kershaw
Councillor A Lucas
Councillor T Mayer
Councillor R Thay
Councillor C Thomas
Councillor S Walsh

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Beechey, N Castledine, C Sinclair, A Wright, S Yarker

Apologies: Councillor B Kaur and K Sandhu

Public Business

49. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillors R Brown and R Thay both declared an interest in the matter referred to in Minute 58 below (Review of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence and Private Hire Driver's Licence). They withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

50. Minutes

The minutes of the Committee held on 23 October 2018 and the Sub-Committee hearings held on 15 and 22 October 2018 were signed as a true record.

51. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that under Section 1004(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business indicated below on the grounds that those items involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular those paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule as indicated:

Minute No.	Subject	Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
55	Rats and Poor Conditions at a Milk	7

	Delivery Dairy	
56	Application for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Driver's Licence	1 and 3

52. Outstanding Issues Report

There were no outstanding issues.

53. Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

There were no other items of public business.

54. Rats and Poor Conditions at a Milk Delivery Dairy

RESOLVED that, having considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), the Council Solicitor be authorised to institute legal proceedings under the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013 against appropriate persons in respect of the alleged poor food hygiene conditions and an active rat infestation at Dhillon Dairy, Hales Industrial Park, Coventry, CV6 6AL.

In addition, it was agreed to delegate powers to the Director of Streetscene and Regulatory Services to authorise legal proceedings for any further offences which may come to light before the case under consideration has been resolved in court.

55. Applications for the Grant/Suitability to hold Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers' Licences

RESOLVED that, having considered the circumstances set out in the reports of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), now submitted:

(a) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr John Avtar Singh Hayre (currently suspended until the renewal date of 26 November 2018) not be renewed.

(Note: Mr Hayre attended the meeting in support of his case together with his representative).

- (b) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Anthony Kumar Verma be confirmed with a written warning.
 - (Notes: (1) Mr Verma attended the meeting in support of his case together with his father
 - (2) Councillors Brown and Thay withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item).

(c) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Chaudhry Muhammad Ali be renewed with a written warning.

(Note: Mr Ali attended the meeting in support of his case together with his representative).

- (d) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Mohammadain Sulaiman Ali Younis be confirmed with a written warning and a requirement to undertake relevant training to be organised by the Taxi Licensing Office.
 - (Note: (1) Mr Younis attended the meeting in support of his case together with his representative
 - (2) The complainant also attended the meeting in support of her complaint)
- (e) The Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence held by Mr Hussain Ali Chaaban be revoked.
- 56. Any other items of private business which the Chair decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved

(Meeting closed at 12.10 pm)