

REGULATORY PANEL

WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2011 AT 2.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor Morton (Chairman), Councillors Bell, Bowman S (as substitute for Cllr Layden) Cape, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Robson, Tootle, Scarborough (as substitute for Cllr Mrs Warwick), Stothard (as substitute for Cllr Ms Franklin), Mrs Vasey, and Wilson.

RP.49/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ms Franklin, Layden and Mrs Warwick.

RP.50/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted for this meeting.

RP.51/11 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2011 be noted.

RP.52/11 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

RP.53/11 HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – ALLEGED OFFENCE

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 7)

The Licensing Manager presented Report GD.44/11 regarding a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver who had been arrested and interviewed with regard to an alleged offence.

The Driver was not in attendance at the meeting.

The Licensing Manager reminded the Panel of the driver's licensing history, previous convictions and recent alleged offence. The Panel had, at their meeting on 1 June 2011, suspended the Driver's Hackney Carriage driver's licence until this meeting, pending the investigation by the Licensing Office in

conjunction with the Police, without prejudice to any further action the Panel may take following the outcome of the investigation.

The Licensing Manager updated the Panel on the investigation.

The Licensing Manager reminded the Panel of the relevant Legislation and outlined the options open to the Panel.

RESOLVED – That, having given consideration to the matter and the update provided and taken into account the nature of the driver's alleged offence and public safety, the Panel agreed to continue suspension of the driver's Hackney Carriage driver's licence until the next meeting of the Regulatory Panel to be held on 10 August 2011, pending the investigation by the Licensing Office in conjunction with the Police, without prejudice to any further action the Panel may take following the outcome of the investigation.

RP.54/11 SABMILLER SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

The Licensing Manager gave a brief verbal update regarding the SABMiller Scholars Programme.

The Licensing Manager reported that SABMiller was one of the largest brewers in the world and created the SABMiller Scholars Programme in conjunction with BIIAB to provide opportunities for staff working at UK licensed premises to earn qualifications in responsible retailing. Carlisle and Portsmouth had the highest take up of the course in the UK. SABMiller held a presentation in the House of Commons for the top three successful candidates and invited three premises from Carlisle along with the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Trainer, Mr Peter Fulton.

The Licensing Manager added that the three successful premises were all category, and two were overall winners, in this years Best Bar None Scheme. Both the ARAR awards and the Best Bar None Scheme helped to raise the profile of Carlisle.

(The meeting ended at 2.07pm)