

# LICENSING (TAXI AND MISCELLANEOUS) PANEL

**Date:** 8 June 2010

**Venue:** East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

**Time:** 9:30am

**Present:** Councillors: -

**Richard Gell**  
**Peter MacGovern**

**Brian Northall (Chairman)**

## 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

### RESOLVED:

That Councillor Northall be appointed Chairman for this Hearing.

## 2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of the Licensing (Taxi and Miscellaneous) Panel held on 17 November 2009, 19 April and 13 May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Gell declared a personal and prejudicial interest because he knew the applicant. (See Minute 5 below).

## 4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

### RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business because exempt information, as defined under Paragraphs 1 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, may be disclosed.

## 5. APPLICATION FOR A HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Licensing Officer reported on an application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 (as amended) and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Panel was informed that the applicant would not be present at the Hearing because of work commitments. The Licensing Officer read out a statement from the applicant. After receiving advice from the Solicitor, the Panel agreed that it could consider the application in the applicant's absence.

During consideration of the application and because the applicant was not present, Councillor Gell realised that he knew the applicant well, but under a different surname which was not the one used by the applicant on his application form. He then declared a personal and prejudicial interest and it was agreed that he could not consider the application, which should be deferred to another Hearing.

The Panel considered it important that the applicant should attend a future Hearing in person.

**RESOLVED:**

That the application for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence be deferred and be reconsidered at another Panel meeting.

**Chairman**