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Date: 7th March 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam,

A meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Nuneaton on **Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 6.00 p.m.**

Yours faithfully,

TOM SHARDLOW

Chief Executive

To: All Members of the
Licensing Committee

Councillors K. Price (Chair), J. Gutteridge (Vice-Chair),
E. Amaechi, M. Bird, J. Clarke, B. Hughes, A. Khangura,
B. Saru, T. Sheppard, K. Wilson and M. Wright.

A G E N D A

PART I - PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. EVACUATION PROCEDURE

A fire drill is not expected, so if the alarm sounds please evacuate the building quickly and calmly. Please use the stairs and do not use the lifts. Once out of the building, please gather outside Lloyds Bank on the opposite side of the road.

Exit by the door by which you entered the room or by the fire exits which are clearly indicated by the standard green fire exit signs.

If you need any assistance in evacuating the building, please make yourself known to a member of staff.

Please also make sure all your mobile phones are turned off or set to silent.

2. APOLOGIES - To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. MINUTES - To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 18th December 2024, attached (**Page 4**).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 8**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Democratic Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent).

If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATION - Members of the Public will be given the opportunity to speak on specific agenda items, if notice has been received.

Members of the public will be given three minutes to speak on a particular item and this is strictly timed. The Chair will inform all public speakers that: their comments must be limited to addressing issues raised in the agenda item under consideration: and that any departure from the item will not be tolerated.

The chair may interrupt the speaker if they start discussing other matters which are not related to the item, or the speaker uses threatening or inappropriate language towards Councillors or officers and if after a warning issued by the Chair, the speaker persists, they will be asked to stop speaking by the Chair. The Chair will advise the speaker that, having ignored the warning, the speaker's opportunity to speak to the current or other items on the agenda may not be allowed. In this eventuality, the Chair has discretion to exclude the speaker from speaking further on the item under consideration or other items of the agenda.

6. ANY OTHER ITEMS - which in the opinion of the Chair should be discussed as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances (which must be specified).

7. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS
RECOMMENDED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

8. CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER – CONVICTION – a report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement.

9. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE – NEW APPLICATION – a report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement.

10. CURRENT HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER FARE OVERCHARGE- a report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement.

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE

18th December 2024

A meeting of the Licensing Committee was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 18 December 2024.

Present

Councillor K. Price (Chair)

Councillors: J. Gutteridge (Vice-Chair), E. Amaechi, M. Bird, B. Hughes, A. Khangura, B. Saru, T. Sheppard, M. Wright and B. Hancox (substitute for J. Bonner).

Apologies: Councillor J. Bonner.

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

LIC11 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th September 2024, be approved and signed by the Chair.

LIC12 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillor B. Hancox was a substitute Councillor for this meeting, his Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda. Councillor B. Hancox also declared he knew the representative present in relation to item LIC14, but confirmed he had not discussed this item with the representative.

RESOLVED that the Declarations of Interest are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, with the addition of the Declarations of Interest for Councillor B. Hancox.

LIC13 **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

RESOLVED that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

PART 2 – EXEMPT BUSINESS

LIC14 **Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Complaint**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider a complaint received in respect of a carriage/private hire driver.

RESOLVED that

- a) having heard all the evidence, the Licensing Committee have decided that Mrs G.N is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence; and
- b) Mrs G.N be advised that they should inform passengers prior to taking a fare if a card reader is not available and if cash is required.

LIC15 **Current Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver - Conviction**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider a conviction received in respect of a carriage/private hire driver.

RESOLVED that

- a) having heard all the evidence, the Licensing Committee have decided that Mr P.K is a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence;
- b) six penalty points be awarded to Mr P.K for failing to notify the Council in writing, within 7 days of his conviction; and
- c) Mr P.K be warned that he must ensure due process is followed in future and such incidents should not be repeated.

Chair

Licensing - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025

	Name of Councillor	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Other Personal Interest	Dispensation
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing matters - Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 - An allowance, payment given to members - An indemnity given to members - Any ceremonial honour given to members - Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - Planning and Licensing matters - Allotments - Local Enterprise Partnership
	E. Amaechi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) - Ricky Global Consultants Ltd - Purple Dove Events Ltd - Director – Techealth Ltd 	The Labour Party (sponsorship) - Foundation Governor - Our Lady and St. Joseph Academy, Nuneaton. - Member of: - British Computer Society. - Igbo Community Coventry. - Mbaise Community, Coventry. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground - EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership - West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee - Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH)	
	M. Bird		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities. - Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club. 	
	J. Bonner	Employed by Etone College (Matrix Academy Trust) - Teacher	The Labour Party (sponsorship) Member of: - The Labour Party - National Education Union	
	J. Clarke	- Employed by Marcus Jones	Nuneaton Conservative Association; Deputy Chairman	

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		- Warwickshire County Councillor	Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	J. Gutteridge			
	B. Hughes	Full Time Carer	Member of the Labour Party. Member of the National Trust. Member of the Caravan and Motorhome Club Member of CAMRA Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - George Elliot Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Governors	
	A. Khangura	Self-Employed		
	K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
	B. Saru	- Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd - Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
	T. Sheppard	Self Employed	Member of Unite the Union Member of Labour Party	
	M. Wright			

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	J. Clarke	- Warwickshire County Councillor	Nuneaton Conservative Association - Treasurer Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	J. Gutteridge			

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	A. Khangura	Self-Employed		
	K. Price	Warwickshire County Council	The Labour Party Unite the Union BASW Social Work England Registration	
	B. Saru	- Director – Saru Embroidery Ltd - Co-founder and Owner – Fish Tale Ale Beer	- Labour Party (sponsorship) - Chair of the British Gurkha Veterans Association Representative on the following Outside Bodies: - Armed Forces Covenant	
	T. Sheppard	Self Employed	Member of Unite the Union Member of Labour Party	
	K.D. Wilson	Delivery Manager, Nuneaton and Warwick County Courts & West Midlands and Warwickshire Bailiffs, HMCTS, Warwickshire Justice Centre, Nuneaton	- Deputy Chairman – Nuneaton Conservative Association - Nuneaton Conservative association (sponsorship) - Board Member of the Conservative Councillors' Association. Representative on the following Outside Bodies: -LGA People & Places Board (Member)	
	M. Wright			