

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

A meeting of the Licensing Committee was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

**Present**

Councillor K. Price (Chair)

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

Apologies: Councillors J. Clarke, A. Khangura and K. Wilson.

**PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS**

LIC16 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024, be approved and signed by the Chair.

LIC17 **Declarations of Interest**

As Councillors S. Markham and W. Markham were substitute Councillors for this meeting, their Declarations of Interest were not detailed in the Schedule attached to the agenda but are available to view on the Council's website

**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 Councillors S. Markham and W. Markham.

LIC18 **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**

LIC19 **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 an appeal of Penalty Points issued on 16th January 2025 by NBBC under the Penalty Points Scheme of the Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Drivers, Operator and Vehicle Proprietor Licensing Policy.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) having heard all the evidence and discussed the options, the Licensing Committee have determined that the penalty points issued to Mr I.M be removed; and
- b) the Chair liaise with the relevant Portfolio Holder to discuss a possible review of the penalty points policy.

LIC20 **Current Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver – Fare Overcharge**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider an appeal of Penalty Points issued on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 by NBBC under the Penalty Points Scheme of the Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Drivers, Operator and Vehicle Proprietor Licensing Policy.

**RESOLVED** that

- a) having heard all the evidence and discussed the options, the Licensing Committee have determined that the penalty points issued to Mr P.SD should remain; and
- b) under the policy review discussion agreed at agenda item LIC19 b), it be recommended that if a driver significantly changes their appearance, they should get an updated photo ID.

LIC21 **Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver Licence – New Application**

A report of the Assistant Director – Environment and Enforcement gave the Panel the opportunity to hear all the evidence, and to discuss and consider an application for a new hackney carriage/private hire driver’s licence.

**RESOLVED** that having heard all the evidence and discussed the options, the Licensing Committee have decided that Mr J.B is not a fit and proper person to hold a hackney carriage/private hire driver’s licence.

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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"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	E. Amaechi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employed NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP)</li> <li>- Ricky Global Consultants Ltd</li> <li>- Purple Dove Events Ltd</li> <li>- Director – Techealth Ltd</li> </ul>	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee of Management of Hartshill and Nuneaton Recreation Ground</li> <li>- EQuIP: Equality and Inclusion Partnership</li> <li>- West Midlands Combined Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee</li> <li>- Pride in Camp Hill (PinCH)</li> </ul>	
	M. Bird		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Life Member of National Association of British Market Authorities.</li> <li>- Member of the Stockingford Allotment association and Pavillion Club.</li> </ul>	
	J. Clarke	- Warwickshire County Councillor	Nuneaton Conservative Association - Treasurer  Officer of the Abbey Preceptory Masonic Buildings - Nuneaton	
	J. Gutteridge			

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	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 - Governor of Stockingford Maintained Nursery School	
	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			