Medway Council LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

20 SEPTEMBER 2002

2.30pm to 4.30pm

RECORD OF THE MEETING

PRESENT:

Committee members: Councillors Richard Andrews, Mrs Diane Chambers

(chairman), Harriott, Mrs Haydock, Luckhurst and

Madhu Ruparel.

4651 RECORD OF THE MEETING

The record of the meeting held on 16 August 2002 was agreed and signed by the chairman as correct.

4652 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davis.

4653 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The committee agreed to ask the press and public to leave the meeting for the following item because it contains information of a personal nature.

4654 APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Discussion:

An exempt report was submitted by the licensing co-ordinator in respect of an application for the granting of a private hire driver's licence.

The committee considered the case set out by the licensing co-ordinator and heard the application by Mr P.

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Decision:

That a private hire driver's licence is granted to Mr P, as set out in the exempt report, for a period of three years. It was noted that the Council has a policy of immediate revocation of a licence should information be presented to the Council that an operator has committed an offence.

4655 THE MANOR CLUB, CHATHAM - APPEAL AGAINST LICENSING CONDITIONS

An exempt report was submitted by the solicitor (planning and environment) providing information to members on the present situation concerning the continuing appeal lodged on behalf of the Manor Club, Chatham. This report also sought members' instructions on how the council should now deal with the outstanding legal proceedings having regard to the recent change in circumstances and the proposals for a settlement submitted by the applicant.

Decision:

- (a) The committee was minded to agree option C of the report but asked that the local residents be contacted in writing to ask if there was further evidence they wished to present to the committee prior to the committee making its final decision.
- (b) That this appeal be re-considered at the next Licensing and Safety Committee on 11 October 2002 at 2pm at which time all new information received can be considered.

Chairman

Date