

LICENSING COMMITTEE

24 SEPTEMBER 2012

Present :- Councillor Mike Hogg (Chairman)
Councillors Margaret Kimberley and Colin Mudie

11. Have Your Say! - Licensing of Marriages/Firstsite

Mr Hamilton attended and addressed the Committee to express his concern at the proposal to licence the Firstsite building for civil marriages. Mr Hamilton explained that in his view to permit marriages at Firstsite was against the terms of its lease which he believed limited activities at the premises to those connected with the arts. Mr Hamilton expressed his intention to continue to protest in the event that the licence was granted and requested that his concerns be made known to Essex County Council who was responsible for the licensing of the building for civil marriages.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hamilton for his comments and confirmed that the licensing of premises for civil marriages was not a matter that fell within the remit of the Committee or the Council but that his concerns would be passed to the appropriate body and he would be notified of the action taken.

12. Exclusion of the public

The Committee resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the following items as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

13. Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Appeal

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Environmental and Protective Services concerning a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's appeal against the suspension of his hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence. The Licensing and Enforcement Manager and the appellant attended, presented their cases and then withdrew for the Committee to consider the matter and make its determination.

RESOLVED that having carefully considered the evidence presented, the Committee determined to uphold the appeal and reinstate the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence.