

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

### Present:-

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)  
Councillor K Lewis (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors M Aston, P Bradley, J Cowell and C Perks

### Officers:-

S Smith – Licensing Manager (Place Directorate); T Holder – Solicitor and H Shepherd – Democratic Services Officer (both Chief Executive's Directorate).

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#### 72 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors A Aston and E Lawrence.

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#### 73 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct.

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#### 74 **Minutes**

It was noted that Councillor K Lewis's apology for absence from the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, had been omitted from the minutes.

#### **Resolved**

That, subject to the inclusion of Councillor K Lewis's apology, the minutes of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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#### 75 **Exclusion of the Public**

#### **Resolved**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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76 **Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SI**

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

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77 **Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MA**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application to review the Private Hire Driver's Licence issued to Mr MA.

Mr MA and his representative, Mr Saleem, were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Saleem made representations on behalf of Mr MA and in doing so reported on the circumstances surrounding the offence and referred to Mr MA's good record as a licensed taxi driver over a significantly long period of time. Mr MA responded to questions asked by the Committee and confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MA be suspended for a period of three weeks in light of the offences committed.

Mr MA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

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78 **Application for Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AH**

This item was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

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79 **Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr SA**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application to review the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence issued to Mr SA.

Mr SA and his representative, Mr Saleem, were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Saleem made representations on behalf of Mr SA and referred to the circumstances of the offence for which he had been convicted, as set out in the report submitted. Mr SA responded to questions asked by the Committee and confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr SA be suspended for a period of two months, in light of the offence committed.

Mr SA was informed of his right to appeal the decision.

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80 **Application for Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MH**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for the grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence issued to Mr MH.

Mr MH and his representative were in attendance at the meeting.

Representations were made by all parties and Members were advised that there was an error in the report in respect to the conviction penalty.

Mr MH and his representative responded to questions asked by the Committee and in doing so confirmed that there were no other matters pending.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr MH for an initial period of three months, any further licences be approved by delegated officers, subject to a satisfactory drug test (at a date and time to be determined by the Licensing Office) and there being no offences at the time of renewal.

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81 **Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr OQ**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application to review the Private Hire Driver's Licence issued to Mr OQ.

Mr OQ was in attendance at the meeting and referred to the circumstances surrounding the offence that had been committed.

Mr OQ responded to questions asked by the Committee and in doing so confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and reported at the meeting, the Private Hire Driver's Licence issued to Mr OQ be suspended for a period of four months, in light of the offence committed.

Mr OQ was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

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82 **Application for Grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AS**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for the grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence issued to Mr AS.

Mr AS was not in attendance at the meeting, and notification of his non-attendance had not been received, however Members of the Committee agreed to consider the application in the absence of Mr AS.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence, be refused, as he was not considered a fit and proper person in light of his previous convictions and conduct.

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The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIR