



Taxis Committee

Thursday 10th August, 2017, at 6.00pm

In Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

Agenda - Public Session

(Meeting open to the public and press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute Members for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. [To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting on 13th July, 2017 as a correct record.](#)
5. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

The submission of these reports complies with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

6. Resolution to exclude the public and press

Chair to move:

“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) under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

Agenda - Private Session
(Meeting not open to the public and press)

7. Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – MR AS
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8. Review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AR (Pages 4 - 8)
9. Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AUH
(Pages 9 - 15)



Chief Executive

Dated: 2nd August, 2017

Distribution:

Members of the Taxis Committee:

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)

Councillor K Lewis (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A Aston, M Aston, R Body, J Cowell, A Goddard (Substitute Member for P Bradley), E Lawrence and C Perks

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee

Thursday 13th July, 2017 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 A Ahmed, A Aston, R Body, P Bradley, J Cowell, E Lawrence and C Perks

Officers:-

S Smith – Licensing Manager (Place Directorate); T Holder – Solicitor and K Griffiths – Democratic Services Officer (both Chief Executive’s Directorate)

13 **Apology for absence**

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor M Aston.

14 **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was noted that Councillor A Ahmed had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor M Aston for this meeting of the Committee only.

15 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A Ahmed declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 7 – Application for Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licences – Mr ABA, as he was known to the driver. Councillor A Ahmed withdrew from the meeting for consideration of this item.

16 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the Committee held on 15th June, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

17 **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.

18 **Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences – Mr ABA**

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

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

Mr ABA then 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 and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences issued to Mr ABA be suspended for a period of one month, in light of the offence committed.

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

19 **Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences – Mr JR**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on an application for the grant of Private Hire and Hackney Driver's Licences to Mr JR.

Mr JR, together with his representative Mr Schiller, were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr Schiller referred to the circumstances surrounding the offences for which he had been convicted, as outlined in the report submitted, in particular stating that he was a changed man and would be willing to undertake a medical test if deemed appropriate by the Committee. In responding to questions asked by the Committee, Mr JR informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Mr JR be requested to undertake a hair follicle drug test and subject to a satisfactory result, Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences be granted and issued to Mr JR for a period of three months.

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

20 **Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences – Mr ZH**

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

Mr ZH was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative, Mr Schiller.

Mr Schiller referred to the circumstances surrounding the offences for which he had been convicted, as outlined in the report submitted. In responding to questions asked by the Committee, Mr ZH informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

Resolved

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences be granted to Mr ZH for a period of three months.

21 **Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MS**

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

Mr MS was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences for which he had been convicted. He also 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, a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted to Mr MS for a period of twelve months.

22 **Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr LH**

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

Mr LH was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter.

Mr LH's supporter made representations on behalf of Mr LH, and in doing so reported on the circumstances surrounding the failure of the tests, in particular, in relation to local knowledge and requested that the Committee allow Mr LH another opportunity to undertake the test.

In concluding, Mr LH confirmed that he had no matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention.

Resolved

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Mr LH be given a final opportunity to take his test for local knowledge and law pertaining to private hire.

The meeting ended at 7.40 pm

CHAIR