

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Wednesday 15th November, 2006, at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ameson (Chairman)
Councillors, Mrs Faulkner, Hill, Male, Taylor, Tomkinson, and A Turner

Officers

Principal Solicitor (Legal and Democratic Services) and Mrs J Holland
(Directorate of Law and Property)

78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors Mrs Collins, Cotterill and Mrs Pearce.

79 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was noted that Councillor Taylor had been appointed as a substitute for
Councillor Mrs Pearce for this meeting of the Committee only.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members in accordance with
the Members' Code of Conduct.

81 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following
items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely
disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of
Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated
below; and in all the circumstances, the public interest in
disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in
maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr PA	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MAA	1
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr GX	1
Grant of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr WA	1
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AK	1
Revocation of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr DH	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences – Mr FH	1

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR PA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr PA, in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 5 of the report submitted.

Mr PA was not in attendance at the meeting and had informed the Licensing Officer of the reasons for his absence.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE – MR MAA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MAA in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report submitted.

Mr MAA was not in attendance at the meeting and had informed the Licensing Officer of the reasons for his absence.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

84 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR GX

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made on behalf of Mr GX for the grant of a private hire driver's licence.

Mr GX was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr GX for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

85 CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c) it was

RESOLVED

That the remaining items of business be considered in the following order, namely:-

Agenda item numbers 11, 10, 9 and 12.

86 REVOCAION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR DH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the proposed revocation of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr DH.

Mr DH was in attendance at the meeting and arising from the consideration given to this matter and his responses to questions, it was

RESOLVED

- (i) That the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence to Mr DH be refused in light of Mr DH's medical condition.
- (ii) That should Mr DH's medical condition improve and he subsequently applied for and was granted a licence, no licence fee be levied for a period of ten months.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCES - MR AK

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr AK for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences.

Mr AK was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, the applications for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence made by Mr AK, be refused on the grounds that the applicant failed his driving and local knowledge test on three separate occasions.

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GRANT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR WA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr WA for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence.

Mr WA was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence to Mr WA for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCES – MR FH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr FH, in the light of the offences committed by him referred to in paragraph 8 of the report submitted.

Mr FH was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offences for which he had been convicted.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences issued to Mr FH but that the licence be suspended with immediate effect for a period of one month in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted as indicated in the report submitted.

The meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

CHAIRMAN