

## TAXIS COMMITTEE

Thursday 13th January 2005 at 4.00 pm in Committee Room 4, The  
Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (in the Chair)  
Councillors Mrs Ameson (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Cotterill, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Patrick, Ryder,  
Tomkinson and A Turner.

Officers – Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services,  
(Directorate of Law and Property) and Mrs J Holland (Directorate of Law  
and Property)

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### MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th  
December, 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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### APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of  
Councillor Wright

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### APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillor Ryder had been appointed to serve as a  
substitute for Councillor Wright for this meeting of the Committee only.

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### POLICY GUIDELINES

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the  
adoption of Committee Guidelines in respect of new licence applications  
and existing Driver/Operators who had committed offences during the  
currency of their licences.

Following consideration of this matter, it was

#### RESOLVED

That, the revised policy guidelines as now submitted in respect of new licence applications and existing Drivers/Operators who have committed offences during the currency of their licences be adopted.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, 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 Schedule 12A to the Act, in particular the paragraph of Part I of that schedule indicated below: -

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Disability Training Package	4
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Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AM	4
Grant of a Private Hire Operator's Licence – Mr MH	4
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr RSZ	4

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DISABILITY TRAINING PACKAGE

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the draft Disability Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Training Package and addition of the condition of licence as outlined in paragraph 2.10 of the report submitted.

Mr B Shipley and Mr T Trickett made a presentation to the Committee on the proposed Package.

Arising from the presentation given and discussion thereon it was

RESOLVED

1. That the adoption of the proposed programme of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver training for the conveying of the Disabled be approved together with the addition of the condition of licence outlined in paragraph 2.10 of the report submitted, subject to consultation with the trade.
2. That the thanks of the Committee be recorded to Mr Shipley and MrTrickett for their interesting and informative presentation.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr AH in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.6 of the report submitted.

Mr AH and a supporter were in attendance and responded to questions asked by members of the Committee regarding the offences for which Mr AH had been convicted. Mr AH also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

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

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MI

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr MI.

Mr MI and a supporter were in attendance and responded to questions asked by members of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, consideration of Mr MI's application be deferred for a period of six months to enable him to have one last opportunity to pass his driving knowledge test and for him to improve his command of the English language.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR IS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr IS.

Mr IS and his representative were in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offence for which he had been convicted.

Mr IS informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr IS be refused in view of the seriousness of the offences for which he had been convicted involving the possession of a Class A Drug with intent to supply.
- (2) That no further application for the renewal of a private hire driver's licence on behalf of Mr IS be considered for a period of two years and that any future application be accompanied by a medical certificate stating that Mr IS was drug free.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR IA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr I A..

Mr IA was in attendance, together with his representative, and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

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

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118                    GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AM

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the grant of a private hire drivers' licence to Mr AM.

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

RESOLVED

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

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119                    GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE – MR JSH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the grant of a private hire operator's licence to Mr JSH.

Ms JSH was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a private hire drivers' licences to Mr JSH for a period of six months from the date of this meeting.

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120                    RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MH in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.11 of the report submitted.

Mr MH was in attendance and responded to questions asked by members of the Committee regarding the offences for which he had been convicted. Mr MH also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr MH's private hire driver's licence be renewed for a period of twelve months from 13th January 2005, and suspended for a period of two months from the date of the meeting, in light of the offences for which he had been convicted and the breach of his licence.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR RSZ

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr RSZ in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.4 of the report submitted.

RESOLVED

That, due to the absence of the complainant, consideration of the item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Meeting ended at 8.20 pm

CHAIRMAN