

Meeting of the Taxis Committee

Thursday, 11th January, 2018 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. Appointment of Substitute Members.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting on 14th December, 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

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 under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, for the reasons stated on the agenda.”

Agenda - Private Session

(Meeting not open to the public and press)

7. Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SI (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 1 – 3)
8. Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MA (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 4 - 6)
9. Application for Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AH (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 7 – 12)
10. Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr SA (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 13 – 15)
11. Application for Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MH (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 16 – 18)
12. Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr OQ (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 19 – 21)
13. Application for Grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AS (the report contains exempt information relating to an individual) (Pages 22 – 25)



Chief Executive

Dated: 3rd January, 2018

Distribution:

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

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee

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

Present:-

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)
Councillors A Aston, M Aston, R Body, P Bradley, J Cowell, E Lawrence and C Perks.

Officers:-

S Smith – Licensing Manager (Place Directorate); N Bangar – Solicitor and K Griffiths – Democratic Services Officer (both Chief Executive's Directorate).

58 **Declarations of Interest**

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

59 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the Committee held on 9th November, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

60 **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.

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

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

62 **Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr ONNAM**

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

Mr ONNAM and his representative, Mr Saleem, were in attendance at the meeting and 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 as reported at the meeting, a Private Hire Driver's Licence be granted to Mr ONNAM for a period of twelve months.

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

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

64 **Change in order of business**

Resolved

That, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 13(c), the remaining Agenda Items be considered in the following order:-

11, 15, 10, 12, 13 and 14.

65 **Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr UR**

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 UR.

Mr UR was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the circumstances of the offence for which he had been convicted, as set out in the report submitted. 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, Mr UR receive a warning as to his future conduct.

66 **Grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr ZM**

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 to Mr ZM.

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

Mr Saleem referred to the circumstances surrounding the offences for which he had been convicted, as outlined in the report submitted.

In responding to Members questions Mr ZM 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 and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr ZM for a period of twelve months.

67 **Grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MI**

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 to Mr MI.

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

Mr Saleem made representations on behalf of Mr MI, 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 MI another opportunity to undertake the test.

Resolved

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

68 **Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SS**

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

Mr SS was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences for which he had been convicted and his failure to declare the convictions on his application form, as set out in the report submitted. 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 SS for a period of twelve months.

69 **Grant of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AJ**

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 to Mr AJ.

Mr AJ was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences for which he had been convicted, as set out in the report submitted. 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 AJ for a period of twelve months.

70 **Grant of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr AA**

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

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

Mr AA referred, in detail, to the circumstances surrounding the offences for which he had been convicted, as outlined in the report submitted.

In responding to Members questions Mr AA 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 Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence be granted to Mr AA for a period of three months.

71 **Comments by the Chair**

The Chair wished all Members of the Committee and Officers a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm

CHAIR