

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Taxis Committee  
Thursday 14th October 2021 at 6.00 pm  
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley**

**Present:**

Councillor A Hopwood (Chair)  
Councillor K Lewis (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors M Aston, I Bevan, R Body, D Harley, E Lawrence and W Sullivan

**Officers:**

S Smith – Team Manager (Licensing and Waste Enforcement) (Directorate of Public Realm),  
T Holder – Solicitor and K Buckle - Democratic Services Officer (Directorate of Finance and Legal).

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23. **Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor B Challenor.

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24. **Appointment of Substitute Member**

It was reported that Councillor W Sullivan had been appointed as a substitute Member for Councillor B Challenor for this meeting of the Committee only.

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25. **Declarations of interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter considered at the meeting.

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26. **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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27. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**

**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 an individual(s) as defined under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

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28. **Change in Order of Business**

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c) it was: -

**Resolved**

That the order of business be varied, and the agenda items be considered in the order set out in the minutes below.

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29. **Review of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MM**

A report of the Acting Director of Public Realm was submitted to consider the review of a private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence in respect of Mr MM.

Mr MM was in attendance at the meeting. Questions asked by the Committee were responded to in relation to the circumstances surrounding the offence committed.

Although Mr MM disputed the speed at which he was driving at the time of the offence committed, it was noted that he had pleaded guilty to the offence.

Mr MM confirmed that there were no further matters pending that needed to be brought to the Committee's attention, following which, a legal summary was provided by the Solicitor.

All parties withdrew from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the evidence provided at the meeting and having regard to the Committee Guidelines and Statutory Guidance, the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence in respect of Mr MM, be suspended for a period of one month due to the offence committed.

Mr MM was informed of his right to appeal the Committee's decision.



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30. **Revocation of a Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MR**

A report of the Acting Director of Public Realm was submitted to consider the revocation of a private hire and hackney carriage driver's licence in respect of Mr MR.

Mr MR was not in attendance at the meeting and the Committee determined to hear the application in his absence, as it was noted that Mr MR had been notified of the meeting by post and also an Officer had contacted Mr MR in relation to the meeting.

A legal summary was provided by the Solicitor who also referred to the offence committed by Mr MR, the sentence received and the fact that Mr MR had failed to notify the Licensing and Waste Enforcement Section of the offence committed.

**Resolved**

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence in respect of Mr MR be revoked with immediate effect, in view of the evidence presented on driving without due care and attention.

Mr MR would be advised of his right to appeal the Committee's decision.

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The meeting ended at 6.35pm

CHAIR

