

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 17th August, 2004 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Ameson (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Cotterill, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Patrick, Tomkinson
and A Turner, together with the Assistant Director Legal and Democratic
Services and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Law and Property).

11 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th
July, 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

13 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Wright.

14 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 that paragraph of Part I of that Schedule indicated
below: -

Description of Item

Relevant
Paragraph of Part I
of Schedule 12A

Renewal of private hire driver's licence - Mr Q H	4
Renewal of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences - Mr N N	4
Renewal of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences - Mr N I	4
Review of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences – Mr T H	4
Review of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences – Mr J A	4
Grant of private hire driver's licence – Mr M S A	4
Renewal of private hire driver's licence – Mr M A A	4

15 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:-

Agenda item numbers 9, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

16 RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES - MR N I

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr N I.

Mr N I and his representative were in attendance at the meeting and during consideration of this matter it was noted that there were no matters pending that the Committee 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, approval be given to the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences, issued to Mr NI for a period of six months from 8th June, 2004.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR Q H

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

Mr Q H was in attendance at the meeting and during consideration of this matter it was noted that there were no matters pending that the Committee needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr Q H for a period of six months from 18th May, 2004.

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RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES - MR N N

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr N N.

Mr N N was in attendance at the meeting and during consideration of this matter it was noted that there were no matters pending on which they needed to be made aware.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made, approval be given to the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr N N.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES - MR T H

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 T H in the light of a breach of condition of his private hire driver's licence in that he was not displaying a roof sign on his private hire vehicle.

Mr T H was in attendance together with his representative and responded to questions asked by members of the Committee on the breach of condition.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, approval be given to the suspension of the private hire licence only issued to Mr T H for a period of two weeks with effect from the date of this meeting of the Committee in the light of the breach of condition on his private hire driver's licence.
- (2) That the Licensing Officer be requested to write to all drivers/operators reminding them of the requirement to display a roof sign on private hire vehicles.
- (3) That the Director of Law and Property be requested to given further consideration to, and report back to a subsequent meeting of this Committee on, the effects of the change in policy regarding the issuing of joint hackney carriage and private hire drivers licences.

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REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES - MR J A

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr J A in the light of a breach of condition on his private hire licence in that he was not displaying a roof sign on his vehicle.

Mr J A was not in attendance at the meeting and a reason for his absence had not been received. As Mr J A had been informed by letter that the case would be heard in his absence should he not attend, consideration was accordingly given to this matter and it was

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the private hire drivers' licence only issued to Mr J A be suspended for a period of two weeks from the date of this meeting of the Committee.

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M S A

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr M S A for the grant of a private hire driver's licence in the light of his failure to pass the private hire driver's knowledge test on three separate occasions.

Mr M S A was in attendance together with his representative who highlighted a possible variation in the way the policy relating to the holding of further tests was being applied. This matter would be investigated further by the Licensing Officer.

Arising from the consideration given to the information contained in the report submitted, and the representations made, it was

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application made by Mr M S A for the grant of the private hire driver's licence be deferred to enable Mr M S A to prepare for and make one further attempt to pass the private hire driver's knowledge test at any time before the end of December, 2004.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR M A A

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr M A A in the light of a complaint made to the Licensing Office referred to in the report submitted.

Mr M A A was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked regarding the complaint made. During consideration of this matter it was noted that there were no other matters of which the Committee needed to be aware, apart from the offence reported at paragraph 2.18 of the report submitted.

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 renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr M A A with effect from 13th November, 2003, and that the licence be suspended for a period of one month from the date of this meeting of the Committee in the light of the complaint received and in acknowledgment of various mitigating circumstances including his previous good driving record.

The meeting ended at 8.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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