

## TAXIS COMMITTEE

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 at 6:00 pm  
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Aston, Cotterill, Mrs Cowell, Mrs Faulkner, Tomkinson, A  
Taylor and Ryder

### Officers

Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services 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 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 2005, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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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 1 of that Schedule indicated  
below:-

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licence – Mr RH	4
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MS	4
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licence – Mr MA	4

Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AF	4
Grant of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr GH	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr FM	4
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr KM	4
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MS	4
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MYH	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SA	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr ZK	4

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REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR RH

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 RH.

Mr RH was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr RH's hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences be suspended for a period of two weeks in the light of his breach of the vehicle maintenance policy.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 12 of the report submitted.

Mr MS was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed the Committee that there were no 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, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS be revoked with immediate effect in view of the serious offence for which he had been convicted, involving plying for hire.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR MA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MA in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 18 of the report submitted.

Mr MA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed them that there were no matters pending that needed to be brought to their attention.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MA with effect from 27<sup>th</sup> November 2005 and that he receive a strong warning as to his future conduct in view of the offence for which he had been convicted as indicated in the report submitted.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR AF

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

Mr AF was not in attendance at the meeting and had not indicated a reason for his absence. In view of his non attendance at a previous meeting and in accordance with the usual practice of the Committee, it was

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence be refused.

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GRANT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR GH

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

Mr. GH was in attendance at the meeting, together with his solicitor, and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also stated that there were no matters pending that needed to be brought to the attention of the Committee.

RESOLVED

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

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR FM

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

Mr FM 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, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr FM for a period of twelve months from the date of this meeting.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR KM

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr KM in view of the information disclosed, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report submitted.

Mr KM was not in attendance at the meeting but had informed the Licensing Officer of his reason for not attending.

RESOLVED

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee and that Mr KM be informed that the matter will proceed on that occasion whether or not he is in attendance.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr MS was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee, regarding the offence for which he had been convicted. He also informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

## RESOLVED

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS be suspended for a period of one month from the date of this meeting of the Committee in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted.

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCES – MR MYH

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

The Licensing Officer informed the Committee that Mr MYH was in hospital and had requested that the application be heard in absence.

## RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, that Mr MYH receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct and that approval be given to the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences to Mr MYH for a period of six months from the date of this meeting.

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SA

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

Mr SA was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised of any reason for not attending. The Committee, therefore, heard the case in Mr SA's absence.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence made by Mr SA, be refused in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

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

Following the receipt of information from the Licensing Officer, it was

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application be withdrawn.

The meeting ended at 7.45 pm

CHAIRMAN