

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 6th October, 2004 at 6.00 pm

PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Ameson (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Tomkinson, A Turner, Vickers
and Wright
Officers - Mr M Farooq (Principal Solicitor) and Mrs J Holland
(Directorate of Law and Property)

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

42 APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Faulkner.

43 APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

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

44 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT GUIDELINES

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on Department of Transport Guidelines in respect of the granting of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences.

In presenting the report, Mr Farooq pointed out that the Guidelines sought to bring consistency to decisions made by Taxis Committees.

Following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, it was

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted be noted.

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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 that paragraph of Part I of that schedule indicated below: -

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences – Mr NA	4
Grant of a Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MH	4
Revocation of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SA	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence - Mr MS	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AA	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MM	4
Renewal of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr SU	
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr NA	

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

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued

to Mr NA in the light of a complaint received against him as indicated in Section 2.0 of the report submitted.

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Mr NA was in attendance and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the complaint made, stating that he had no further comments to add to those contained in the report submitted.

The complainant's wife and daughter were in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the complaint made, stating that they had no further comments to add to those contained in the report.

RESOLVED

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting by the respective parties Mr NA's private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be renewed for a period of twelve months from the date of this meeting and that Mr NA receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MH

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

Mr MH 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, the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence be refused in the light of the information contained in Section 2.0 of the report submitted.

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REVOCATION OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the proposed revocation of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr SA in the light of the information contained in Section 2.0 of the report submitted.

Mr SA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in respect of his medical condition.

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 SA be revoked with immediate effect in view of the recommendation received that he was medically unfit to drive and that Mr SA be invited to reapply when he has been granted medical clearance to drive.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MYS

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

Mr MYS was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised of any reasons for non-attendance and so, 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 made by Mr MYS, be refused.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AA

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

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

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MM

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

Mr MM 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, and following Mr MM's explanation of the circumstances of his criminal conviction, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr MM for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

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RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SU

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr SU in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted as indicated in Section 2.0 of the report submitted.

Mr SU was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offences for which he had been convicted.

RESOLVED

That, approval be given to the renewal of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr SU and that he receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct in view of the offences for which he had been convicted as indicated in the report submitted.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR NA

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

Mr NA 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.

RESOLVED

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr NA receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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