

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 21st April, 2004, at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Councillor Male (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Bramall, Mrs Coulter, Johnson,
Musk and K Turner, together with the Principal Solicitor, Legal and
Democratic Services and Ms K Smith (Directorate of Law and Property)

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th
March, 2004, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors Mrs Bowkley, Crumpton and Mrs Faulkner.

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APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillors Mrs Coulter and K Turner had been
appointed to serve as substitutes for Councillors Mrs Bowkley and Mrs
Faulkner for this meeting of the Committee only.

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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 I of that Schedule indicated below:-

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<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Review of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr MS	4
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Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AK	4
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr AK	4
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence and Grant of Hackney Driver's Licence – MR VLB	4
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Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licences – Mr AWS	4

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REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr MS in the light of the complaint received, as indicated in paragraph 2.4 of the report submitted.

Mr MS was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

The complainant, Mrs K and her supporter Mrs T, were also in attendance and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the complaint made, stating that she had no further comments to add to those contained in the report and agreed with her statement, again as set out in the report submitted.

Mr T Trickett (Enforcement Officer, Dudley MBC) was also in attendance.

RESOLVED

That, having considered the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr MS's hackney carriage driver's licence be suspended for a period of one month.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR YA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr YA in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.21 of the report submitted.

Mr YA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offence committed. Mr YA also confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the attention of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr YA for a period of six months with effect from 26th March 2004, but that the licence be suspended from the date of this meeting for a period of three months, in view of the offence for which he had been convicted.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCES – MR MY

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences issued to Mr MY in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.3 of the report submitted.

Mr MY was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offences committed. Mr MY also confirmed that there were no other matters pending that needed to be brought to the attention of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's' licences issued to Mr MY with effect from 31st January 2004, but that his private hire driver's licence be suspended from the date of this meeting for a period of two months, in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.

181 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S' LICENCES – MR SA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's' licences issued to Mr SA in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.4 of the report submitted.

Mr SA was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised of any reason for non-attendance and so, in accordance with the usual practice of the Committee it was

RESOLVED

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

182 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S' LICENCES – MR MS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's' licences issued to Mr MS in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.5 of the report submitted.

Mr MS was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised of any reason for non-attendance and so, in accordance with the usual practice of the Committee it was

RESOLVED

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

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR GH

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr GH in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.20 of the report now submitted.

Mr GH was in attendance at the meeting and requested that the contents of a letter from his current Solicitors be read out to the Committee.

The Principal Solicitor, Legal and Democratic Services, read out the contents of the letter from Mr GH's Solicitor, which requested that due to the unavailability of legal representation for Mr GH at the meeting, consideration of this item be deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AK

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr AK in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.4 of the report now submitted.

Mr AK had requested a deferral to the next meeting of the Committee

RESOLVED

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

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND GRANT OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR VLB

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr VLB, and grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence, in light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.9 of the report now submitted.

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

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted,

- (1) Approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr VLB with effect from 18th January 2004,
- (2) Approval be given to the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence with effect from 21st April, 2004
- (3) The private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences approved in resolution 1 and 2 above be suspended for a period of one month with effect from 21st April 2004, in view of the offence for which he had been convicted.

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RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR JSL

A report of the Director of Law and property was submitted on the renewal of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr JSL.

Mr JSL was not in attendance at the meeting and had not advised of any reason for non-attendance and so, in accordance with the usual practice of the Committee it was

RESOLVED

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

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCES – MR AWS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage driver's licences issued to Mr AWS, in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.3 of the report submitted and the breach of Condition 10 on his private hire driver's licence and Condition 2 on his hackney carriage driver's licence.

Mr AWS and his representative were in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee, regarding the offence for which he had been convicted.

RESOLVED

That, MR AWS receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

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The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

CHAIR

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