

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 23rd August, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Ameson (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Cotterill, Mrs Faulkner, Mrs Patrick, A Turner,
Wright and Tomkinson

OFFICERS

Principal Lawyer and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Law and Property)

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

50 DRIVER AWARENESS TRAINING

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the current position in respect of the proposed training course for private hire and hackney carriage drivers - "Transporting Passengers by Hackney Carriage and Private Hire" provided by Sandwell College.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 of the report submitted regarding the current position in respect of difficulties in the provision of a proposed training course for private hire and hackney carriage drivers in conjunction with Sandwell College, be noted and that this matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Taxis Focus Group.

51 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>
Grant of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licences – Mr. S.S.	4
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr. K.S.B.	4
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr. R.R.	4
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr. S.S.	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr. M.A.	4
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr. M.A.	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr. M.A.	4

52 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, namely:-

Agenda Item Numbers 7, 8, 11, 13, 10, 12 and 9.

53 RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR. S.S.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made on behalf of Mr. S.S. for the renewal of his private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences.

Mr. S.S. was in attendance, together with his representative, and responded to questions asked by the Committee. The Committee were informed that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr. S.S. for a period of six months.

54 RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR. K.S.B.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made on behalf of Mr. K.S.B. for the renewal of his private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences.

Mr. K.S.B. was in attendance at the meeting, together with his representative and responded to questions asked by the Committee. The Committee were informed that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr. K.S.B. for a period of six months.

55 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR M.A.

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

Mr. M.A. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding, in particular, the offence for which he had been cautioned as set out in paragraph 2.4 of the report submitted. Mr. M.A. also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr. M.A. for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR. M.A.

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

Mr. M.A. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked regarding, in particular, the convictions referred to in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 of the report submitted together with the breach of condition 10 on his private hire driver's licence. Mr. M.A. also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the information given at the meeting, the application made on behalf of Mr. M.A. for the grant of a private hire driver's licence be refused on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.
- (2) That Mr. M.A. be informed that the Committee would reconsider an application made by him for the grant of a private hire driver's licence in April, 2007.

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR. S.S.

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

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

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr. S.S. for a period of six months.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCE – MR. M.A.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr. M.A. in the light of the offence and breach of condition 10 of his licence referred to in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3. of the report submitted.

Mr. M.A. was in attendance, together with his representative, and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding, in particular, the offence and breach of licence.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and as reported at the meeting, no further action be taken.

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

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. R.R. in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted and breaches of licence referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report submitted.

Mr. R.R. was not in attendance at the meeting and a reason for his non-attendance had not been received. The Committee resolved to proceed in the absence of Mr R.R.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr. R.R. be suspended for a period of one month with effect from the date of this meeting, in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted and the breaches of licence.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

CHAIRMAN