

Licensing Committee (Hackney Carriage)

Thursday 5 November 2009

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs Dolan, in the Chair.
Councillor Thompson, Vice Chair.
Councillors Bowie, Delbridge, Mrs Nicholson, Rennie and Reynolds.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Drean

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 4.00 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the committee will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

76. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 10 September 2009 and 1 October 2009 are confirmed as a correct record.

77. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of chair's urgent business.

78. APPEAL CASES

The committee was advised that there had been no new appeal cases since the last committee meeting.

79. DELEGATED DECISION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Resolved that the delegated decision for the grant of a private hire operator's licence be noted.

80. LICENSED DRIVER REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS FOLLOWING A MOTORING CONVICTION - D M HANNAFORD

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from DM Hannaford;
- (iii) heard details of DM Hannaford's driving conviction and having taken into account his explanation of the events that occurred

Resolved that it was proportionate that no further action be taken in this matter.

81. LICENSED DRIVER REVIEW OF DRIVER LICENCE STATUS - G JONES

The Committee was informed by the Licensing officer that Mr G Jones was unable to attend the Licensing hearing as his solicitor had other arrangements.

Resolved that this item be deferred to the next available committee meeting.

82. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

83. **MINUTES (CONFIDENTIAL) (E3 AND E7)**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2009 are approved as a correct record.

84. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER - REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - CLL (E3 and E7)**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from the Licensing officer of CLL's absence;
- (iii) heard details of the Licensing officer's attempts to contact CLL

Resolved that CLL's licence be suspended until such time as a medical certificate is produced.

(Note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

85. **LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - CVP (E3 AND E7)**

The Committee was informed that the certificate had now been produced.

Resolved that no further action be taken.

86. **LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - DRW (E3 AND E7)**

The committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from the Licensing officer of DRW's absence;
- (iii) heard details of the Licensing officer's attempts to contact DRW

Resolved that DRW's licence be suspended until such time as a medical certificate is produced.

(Note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

87. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - PK (E3 AND E7)**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from PK;
- (iii) heard details of PK's conviction

Resolved that the application to grant a private hire driver's licence be granted subject to the completion of the driving standards test, the medical examination and the completion of Level 2 VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire or equivalent qualification within 12 months

from the date of first being licensed to comply with the new driver disqualification set out in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Vehicle Licensing Policy.

88. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - JHH (E3 AND E7)**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from JHH;
- (iii) heard details of JHH's convictions

Resolved that JHH is not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence and that the application be refused.

(Note: there is a confidential part to this minute)

89. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - PAF (E3 AND E7)**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report of the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from PAF;
- (iii) heard details of PAF's convictions

Resolved that, as new information which required investigation had come to light during the application hearing, to adjourn that hearing until the next available Committee so that a fully informed decision can be made.

90. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A RESTRICTED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE AND A PRIVATE HIRE OPERATOR'S LICENCE - AU (E3 AND E7)**

The Committee was informed that AU was unable to attend the committee due to personal circumstances.

Resolved that the application for the grant of a restricted private hire driver's licence and private hire operator's licence be deferred to the next meeting.