

Licensing Committee (Hackney Carriage)

Thursday 11 March 2010

PRESENT:

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

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 3.40 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.

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

131. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2010 are confirmed as a correct record.

132. CHAIR'S URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

133. APPEAL CASES

The Committee was informed that there was a magistrate's court hearing listed on 15 March 2010 to hear an appeal against the revocation of a private hire driver's licence.

134. EXEMPT INFORMATION

To consider passing a resolution 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

135. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2010 are signed as a correct record.

136. LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER REVIEW OF LICENSE STATUS MK

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report from the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from MK;
- (iii) heard from MK's legal representative;
- (iii) heard from a representative from the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary.

Resolved that at this stage of the proceedings no action would be taken against MK's licence, however, following the outcome of the criminal proceedings the matter would come back before the Committee for consideration when the Committee are in a position to be in possession of the full facts.

(Councillor Drear, Vice-Chair left the meeting during this item.)

137. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

Resolved that Councillor Mrs Nicholson is appointed Vice-Chair for the duration of the meeting.

THE COMMITTEE RETURNED TO PART I FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

138. **LICENSED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER REVIEW OF LICENCE STATUS - C BENSON**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report from the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from Mr Benson;
- (iii) considered all that has been said today.

Resolved that a warning is placed on Mr Benson's file and it would be brought to the Committee's attention in the future should he appear before them again.

139. **EXEMPT INFORMATION**

To consider passing a resolution 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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

140. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - SI**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report from the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from SI.

Resolved that the application is granted subject to completion of the three pre-requisite tests and also the Committee directed that SI complete the VRQ (or equivalent) driver qualification within the first 12 months of being licensed.

141. **APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - CMF**

The Committee having –

- (i) considered the report from the Director for Community Services;
- (ii) heard from CMF.

Resolved that the application is granted subject to CMF completing the medical examination and producing a valid medical certificate.