

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 10 MARCH 2006

PRESENT:- Councillor Maurice Fanning, Councillor David Glaholm, Councillor Colin Lovell and Councillor David Wren.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Michael Dickinson and Councillor Brian Ford.

8. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October, 2004, be confirmed and signed.

9. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

10. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved - That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred in Agenda Item 6 on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information concerned (Minute 12 refers.)

11. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

12. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Knowledge Tests

The Sub-Committee considered a report tabled at the meeting setting out proposed amendments to the amount of time applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licences must wait to sit a further knowledge test after a failure.

Resolved – That the length of time applicants for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire driver's licences must wait to sit a further knowledge test after a failure be reduced as set out in the report.

13. Application for Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Director of Environment and Leisure setting out an application for a Private Hire drivers licence that officers were unable to determine under delegated powers, and (b) comments by the applicant in support of his appeal.

Resolved – That, given the exceptional circumstance set out in the appeal,

and given the period of time the applicant has currently been without a Private Hire drivers licence, the appeal be upheld and the driver named in the report be granted a Private Hire drivers licence.