

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2006

PRESENT:- Councillors Sinead Darker (Chair), Melanie Duff, Brian Ford, Councillor David Glaholm, Peter Mallinson and David Sammels.

1. Appointment of Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Sinead Darker be Chair of this Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year, 2006/07.

(Councillor Sinead Darker took the Chair.)

2. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Brian Ford be Vice-Chair of this Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year, 2006/07.

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

Councillor Sinead Darker informed the Sub-Committee that the appellant appearing before the Sub-Committee in respect of agenda item 9 lived in her Ward. She neither knew the appellant, nor had she discussed the appeal with him and would stay and participate in the meeting.

4. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2006, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in Item 9 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 (of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minute 8 refers.)

6. Installation of Cabtivate Systems in Hackney Carriages

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Group Director, Environment and Leisure regarding the installation of a “Cabtivate” advertising and information system into licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles.

Resolved – That approval be given to the installation of “Cabtivate” advertising and information systems in licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles.

7.

Private Hire Door Signs

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Group Director, Environment and Leisure regarding a Motion received by Council that all private hire vehicles should display signage to indicate that the Council has licensed them as a private hire vehicle.

Resolved – (1) That officers be authorised to undertake a consultation exercise with respect of the signage to be displayed on private hire vehicles subject to such consultation being completed within 28 days.

(2) That the results of the consultation exercise referred to in (1) above, and proposals for signage to be displayed on private hire vehicles be reported to this Sub-Committee as soon as possible practical.

8.

Application for Private Hire Driver's Licence

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

Resolved – That, the appeal be refused and the driver named in the report be advised of his right to appeal the decision of this Committee to the Swindon Magistrates Court.