

Swindon Borough Council

Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 5 September 2006

Committee Room 5, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

At 12.30 p.m.

Conservative Councillors

Sinead Darker
Melanie Duff
Brian Ford
David Sammels
Philip Young

Labour Councillors

David Glaholm
John Ballman
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Ballman

Liberal Democrat Councillors

(none)

Independent Councillors

(none)

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AGENDA

PART 1 (PUBLIC ITEMS)

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on 28th July and 1st August 2006.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

4. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

5. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Standards Committee is, therefore, recommended to resolve "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 the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".

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PART 2 (TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT)

6. Application for Private Hire Drivers Licence (Pages 5 - 20)

Date of Despatch: 24 August 2006

Public Question Time - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.

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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.

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 1 AUGUST 2006

PRESENT:- Councillors Sinead Darker (Chair) and Councillor Peter Mallinson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brian Ford, David Glaholm, Melanie Duff, David Sammels and Councillor Philip Young.

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. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

11. 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 4 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 12 refers.)

12. 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) comments by the applicant in support of his appeal.

Resolved – That, given the exceptional circumstance set out in the appeal, the appeal be upheld and the driver named in the report be granted a Private Hire drivers licence.

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Agenda Item 6

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1, 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A
of the Local Government Act 1972.

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