

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.