

Swindon Borough Council

Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee

Thursday, 23 October 2014

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices, Swindon (Anticipated meeting room)

At 10.00 a.m.

**Conservative
Councillors**

Andrew Bennett
Oliver Donachie
John Haines
Eric Shaw
Timothy Swinyard

**Labour
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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. 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.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 13th August 2014.

4. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Sub-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 item listed below, on the grounds that it involves 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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5. 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.

6. Application for the Grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence (Pages 3 - 12)

Date of Despatch: 15 October 2014

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

WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2014

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, John Ballman, Andrew Bennett (Chair) and John Haines.

An apology for absence was received from Vera Tomlinson.

10. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved – That Councillor John Haines be Vice-Chair of this Sub-Committee for the Municipal Year, 2014/15.

11. 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.

12. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2014, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

13. Public Question Time

No public questions were received during the meeting.

14. 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 7 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minutes 15 refers.)

15. Application for the grant of a Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Council's Licensing Manager setting out an appeal against the decision by officers not to grant a Private Hire Drivers Licence deferred from the previous meeting (minute 8 refers), (b) representations by the appellant in support of his appeal, (c) additional information provided by the applicant in respect of his application, and (d) questions to the applicant from Councillors and the answers received.

Resolved – That the appeal be upheld and the driver named in the report be issued a Private Hire Drivers Licence with immediate effect.

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Agenda Item 6

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

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