

PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 23 AUGUST 2010

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, John Ballman, Andrew Bennett (Chair), Doreen Dart, Brian Ford, Kevin Parry (Vice-Chair) and Vera Tomlinson.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Janet Heenan.

8. 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.

9. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2010, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10. Public Question Time

In response to a question from Mr. Cousins the Chair explained the Sub-Committee's areas of responsibility, explained how the Sub-Committee operated in undertaking its workload and access to papers and information relating to the Sub-Committee's agendas.

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 7 of the Notice of the Meeting on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. (Minute 13 refers.)

12. Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Delegated Authority

The Group Director, Environment, Regeneration and Community submitted a report setting out proposed amendments to Officers' Delegated Authority regarding Hackney carriage and Private Hire Licensing.

Resolved – (1) That, subject to the agreement of the Council, the Group Director (Environment, Regeneration and Community) or nominee be authorised, under delegated authority, to suspend Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences under Section 61(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 when it is considered in the public interest to do so.

(2) That, subject to the agreement of the Council, the Group Director (Environment, Regeneration and Community) or nominee be authorised, under delegated authority, to allow the prohibition of Private Hire or Hackney Carriage licensed vehicles under Section 61(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 should they be found not to be roadworthy.

(3) That, further to (1) and (2) above, any suspension of Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Drivers Licences or the prohibition of Private Hire or Hackney

Carriage licensed vehicles under delegated powers be referred to the Council's Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing Sub-Committee within fourteen days or as soon as practicable thereafter.

13. Review of Private Hire Drivers Licence

The Sub-Committee considered (a) a report of the Group Director, Environment, Regeneration and Community setting out an appeal against the conditions of a Private Hire Drivers Licence, (b) an oral report of the Council's Transport Officer setting out the history of the grant of the licence and reasons for the imposition of additional conditions, and (c) representations by the licence holder in support of his appeal.

Resolved –That, given the nature of the appeal, consideration of the appeal be deferred pending the outcome of a review, following a consultation exercise by the Council of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Specifications.

(2) That, further to (1) above, officers reconvene the appeal against the conditions of a Private Hire Drivers Licence as soon as possible following the conclusion of the Council's Review of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Specifications.