

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Thursday 10th December, 2009 at 2.00pm
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ameson (Chairman)
Councillor K Turner (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston (part of the meeting only), Mrs Blood, Body (part of the meeting only), Mrs Coulter (part of the meeting only), Mrs Greenaway, James, J. Martin (part of the meeting only), Mrs Roberts (part of the meeting only), Ryder and While-Cooper (part of the meeting only).

Officers

Solicitor, Interim Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services),
Licensing Officer, Miss K Wilson and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Law,
Property and Human Resources).

94 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor Attwood. Councillors Body, Mrs Roberts and Ms While-Cooper's submitted an apology for part of the meeting only.

95 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

It was noted that Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Coulter, J. Martin and Ryder had been appointed as substitute members for Councillors Body, Mrs Roberts, Ms While-Cooper and Attwood respectively, for this meeting of the Committee only.

96 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest from Members in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

97 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18th November, 2009, be approved as a correct record and signed.

98 **CHANGE IN ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 13(c) it was

RESOLVED

That the remaining items of business be considered in the following order:-

Agenda Item numbers 11, 7, 9, 12, 15, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 8, 10, 13, 16, 24, 5, 18, 21, 28, 29, 33, 30, 31 and 32.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as indicated below; and in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
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Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr JA	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr AR	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mrs SS	1

Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MM	1
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Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MA	1
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr RG	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr FK	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr AR	1
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Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MKG	1
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr WH	1
Revocation of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr SK	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr TSC	1
Review of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr SH	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr NH	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MF	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr BA	1
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr ZM	1
Grant of Private Hire Vehicle Licence – Mr SR	1

Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr SH	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Miss SK	1

100	<u>GRANT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AS</u>
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A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the application made on behalf of Mr AS for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr AS was in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to medical information as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report submitted.

During the consideration of this matter, in the light of evidence given, concerns were raised regarding the medical condition of Mr AS, and the potential risk to public safety should Mr AS fail to administer his treatment on a regular basis as requested by his Doctor.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the application made for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence on behalf of Mr AS be refused in view of him not being a fit and proper person following consideration of information contained in the medical reports submitted as appendices to the report submitted.
- (2) That should Mr AS wish to re-apply for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence he do so in twelve months time and submit further medical evidence for consideration by the Committee.

Mr AS was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

Following the conclusion of this item, Councillor J Martin entered the meeting.

101	<u>RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MS</u>
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A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr MS, and his representative, was in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee. Mr MS informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MS for a period of six months and that any future renewals be dealt with by officers under delegated powers, provided that Mr MS had no offences pending at the time of renewal.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR ZA

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr ZA, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr ZA was in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences indicated in the report submitted. Mr ZA also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Mr ZA's private hire driver's licence be suspended for a period of three months in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.

Mr ZA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

103

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR JA

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr JA, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr JA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offence committed as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report submitted. Mr JA also informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Mr JA's private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be suspended for a period of one month in view of the offence committed.

Mr JA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

104

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MM

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MM, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr MM was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MM be suspended for a period of two months with immediate effect in the interests of public safety in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.

Mr MM was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

105

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MRS SS

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mrs SS, in the light of the offences committed as indicated in paragraph 13 and her breach of condition 10 of her private hire driver's licence as outlined in paragraph 14 of the report submitted.

Mrs SS was in attendance at the meeting, together with her son, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences committed and her breach of condition of licence. She also informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire licence issued to Mrs SS be suspended for a period of two months in view of the offences committed.

Mrs SS was informed of her right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

106

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR MA

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr MA, in the light of the offence committed as indicated in paragraph 10 in the report submitted.

Mr MA and his representative, Ms Ahmed, were in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offence committed. Mr MA also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr MA be suspended for a period of two weeks in view of the offence committed and that he receive a written warning as to his future conduct.

Mr MA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

107

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR FK

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on application for the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr FK, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr FK was in attendance at the meeting and informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr FK for a period of six months and that any future renewals be dealt with by officers under delegated powers, provided that Mr FK had no offences pending at the time of renewal.

108

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR AR

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr AR, in the light of the offence committed as indicated in paragraph 4 and his breach of condition 2 of his hackney carriage driver's licence and condition 10 of his private hire driver's licence as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report submitted.

Mr AR was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offence committed and breach of licences. He also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

During the consideration of this matter, in the light of evidence given, concerns were raised regarding Mr AR's misunderstanding of the conditions of his private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr AR be suspended for a period of one month in view of the offence committed and that Mr AR be required to re-sit a knowledge test within a two month period from the date of this meeting.

Mr AR was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

At this juncture, Councillor J. Martin withdrew for the remainder of the meeting.

109

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MKG

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MKG, in the light of the offences committed as indicated in paragraph 5 in the report submitted.

Mr MKG was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences committed. Mr MKG also informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MKG be suspended for a period of two months with immediate effect in the interests of public safety in view of the offences convicted and that he be informed that should he commit another offence of plying for hire in the future it was likely that his licence would be revoked.

Mr MKG was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

110

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR WH

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted for the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr WH, in the light of the offence committed as indicated in paragraph 4 and his breach of condition 10 of his private hire driver's licence as outlined in paragraph 5 of the report submitted.

Mr WH, with his representative Mr Hussain, was in attendance at the meeting. Mr Hussain responded to questions asked by the Committee on behalf of Mr WH. Mr WH informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr WH be suspended for a period of two months in view of the offence committed.

Mr WH was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

111

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR TSC

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application for the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr TSC, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr TSC was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr TSC for a period of six months and that any future renewals be determined by the Committee and be accompanied by a medical report.

112

REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SH

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr SH, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr SH and his representative, Mr Whyte (Solicitor), were in attendance at the meeting. Mr Whyte responded to questions asked by the Committee on behalf of Mr SH in relation to the offence for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 7 to the report submitted. Mr SH informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, Mr SH receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR NH

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application for the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr NH, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr NH and his representative were in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. He also informed them that there were no matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr NH for a period of six months and that any future renewals be determined by the Committee and be accompanied by a medical report.

114

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MS

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence made on behalf of Mr MS, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr MS was not in attendance at the meeting and no explanation as to his non-attendance had been received. Having decided to hear the matter in his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for grant of a private hire driver's licence made on behalf of Mr MS be refused in view of his submission of only two references and his failure to undertake his driving and knowledge tests following a number of requests to do so.

115

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR ZI

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences made by Mr ZI, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr ZI was not in attendance and no explanation as to his non-attendance had been received. Having decided to hear the matter in his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application made for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences by Mr ZI be refused in view of his failure to undertake his driving and knowledge tests despite several requests to do so, and in respect of his previous driving record as highlighted in the report submitted.

116

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR AR

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr AR, in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted as indicated in paragraph 3 in the report submitted.

Mr AR was not in attendance and notification had been received from him that he would be unable to attend. Having decided to hear the matter in his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr AR be suspended for a period of two months with immediate effect in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR AM

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr AM, in light of the offences committed as indicated in paragraph 18 and his breach of condition 10 of his private hire driver's licence as outlined in paragraph 16 of the report submitted.

Mr AM was not in attendance and notification had been received from him that he would be unable to attend. Having decided to hear the matter in his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That, in view of the non-attendance of Mr AM, further consideration of the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr AM be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee, and that the right to drive of Mr AM be suspended until such time as this case had been considered.

118

REVOCATION OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR SK

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the revocation of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr SK, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr SK was not in attendance and no explanation as to his non-attendance had been received. Having decided to hear the matter in his absence, it was

RESOLVED

That, given the disqualification from driving for a period of twelve months, and the offences for which he had been convicted, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr SK be revoked with immediate effect.

At this juncture, the Committee adjourned until 6.00pm

119

QUESTION UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8

In response to a question raised by Councillor K Turner under Council Procedure Rule 11.8 the Chairman responded as follows:-

Question – My question to the chair is would your Committee support in principle the introduction of CCTV cameras in private hire/hackney carriage vehicles, at the driver's own expense? This would assist drivers in relation to anti social behaviour, verbal abuse and violence against them.

Response – I would recommend to my Taxis Committee, to support, in principle, the introduction of CCTV cameras in private hire/hackney carriage vehicles. Any application made by a private hire or hackney carriage driver for the fitting of CCTV cameras must follow due process and be considered by the Taxis Committee.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR RG

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to be Mr RG, in light of the offences committed as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report submitted and his breach of condition 10 of his private hire driver's licence as outlined in paragraph 4 of the report submitted.

Mr RG, and his representative, was in attendance at the meeting and arising from the presentation of this matter it was reported that Mr RG had submitted a Notice of intention to prosecute for speeding on 8th December, 2009 in relation to the offence committed on 9th August, 2009.

Mr RG and his representative responded to questions asked by the Committee and in so doing it was indicated that there were no other matters pending that the Committee needed to be aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr RG and that he receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct in the light of the offences committed.

121

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR NA

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr NA in the light of the offence committed as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report submitted.

Mr NA, and his representative, was in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee. Mr NA also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr NA be suspended for a period of one month in view of the offence for which his driver's licence had been endorsed.

Mr NA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

122

RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR MF

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr MF in the light of the convictions contained in the report and appendix to the report submitted.

Mr MF, and his representative, was in attendance at the meeting together with his solicitor a Mr McVitie.

Mr McVitie made representations on behalf of his client and responses were given to questions raised by the Committee.

Arising from the consideration given to this matter and the perceived need for further information it was

RESOLVED

1. That the current suspension of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr MF be continued.
2. That Mr McVitie be requested to contact Halesowen Magistrates Court with a view to obtaining further information from the Court relating to the appearance of Mr MF at a Court hearing in March, 2004, and that, dependant upon the content of that further information either the Interim Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to renew the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr NF or the matter receive further consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Committee.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR BA

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr BA in the light of the offences committed as referred to in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr BA, and his representative, was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences committed. Mr BA also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be aware of. It was noted that a previous traffic offence for which Mr BA received 3 penalty points had been reported to the Licensing Office.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr BA be suspended with immediate effect for a period of two months in the interests of public safety in view of the offences of plying for hire and having no insurance committed by Mr BA.

Mr BA was informed of his right to appeal the decision of the Committee.

124

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MISS SK

A report of the interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Miss SK in the light of her failure to disclose a caution as indicated in paragraph 9 of the report submitted.

Miss SK, together with her representative a Mr Siddique of Dennings, was in attendance at the meeting.

In his opening submission to the Committee, Mr Siddique requested an adjournment of this matter in view of the inability of Mr Shillar, Solicitor, to attend the meeting to represent Miss SK.

Arising from consideration of this matter and the request for an adjournment, it was

RESOLVED

That consideration of the review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Miss SK be deferred for consideration at the meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 7th January, 2010 and that, in view of the personal circumstances of Miss SK, the matter proceed even if she was unable to attend.

125

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR ZM

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence made in respect of a Mr ZM.

It was reported that Mr ZM was not in attendance and that a reason for his absence had not been received.

In the light of this the Committee determined to hear the matter in the absence of Mr ZM.

Arising from the consideration of this matter, it was

RESOLVED

That the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence made in respect of Mr ZM be refused on the grounds that he had failed his driver's knowledge test on three separate occasions.

126

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE – MR SR

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on an application made on behalf of Mr SR for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence.

Mr SR was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in respect of his application and the details submitted in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report submitted. Particular attention was given to the content of Appendix 2 arising from an advisory inspection held by an officer on the vehicle it was proposed should be licensed.

Arising from the consideration of this matter and the content of the Appendices submitted, it was

RESOLVED

That the application made on behalf of Mr SR for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence be refused on the grounds of the non-compliance of the proposed vehicle with the current policy of the Council with regard to private hire vehicles but that Mr SR be advised that if he wishes consideration to be given to the licensing of another vehicle he contact the Licensing Office and Mr P Lloyd, Policy and Compliance Manager, Directorate of the Urban Environment, for advice regarding a suitable vehicle to be licensed.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR SH

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr SH in the light of the circumstances referred to in the report submitted.

Mr SH, together with his representative, was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee. Mr SH also informed the meeting that there were no matters pending that they needed to be aware of.

RESOLVED

That, in the light of the circumstances referred to in the report submitted, Mr SH receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm,

CHAIRMAN