

## **TAXIS COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 16th March, 2005 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor Musk (Chairman)  
Councillor Ameson (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Mrs Aston, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Faulkner, Tomkinson, Turner  
and Wright

### **Officers**

Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services  
Mrs J Holland and Mrs K Farrington – Directorate of Law and Property

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### **MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16th  
February 2005, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of  
Councillors Cotterill and Patrick.

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### **APPOINTMENT OF ANY SUBSTITUTES FOR THIS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

It was reported that Councillor Coulter had been appointed to serve as a  
substitute for Councillor Cotterill for this meeting of the Committee only.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

## RESOLVED

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, 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 Schedule 12A to the Act, in particular the paragraph of Part I of that schedule indicated below: -

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MJ	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr IS	4
Grant of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr KSB	4
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr GK	4
Grant of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MM	4
Renewal of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr WM	4

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MJ

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MJ in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of the report submitted.

Mr MJ was in attendance at the meeting.

## RESOLVED

That, due to the absence of Mr MJ's legal representative, consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR IS

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr IS for the grant of a private hire driver's licence.

Mr IS was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) That consideration of the application made by Mr IS for the grant of a private hire driver's licence be deferred pending the receipt of further medical information.
  - (2) That, Mr Shipley, Enforcement Officer be invited to attend the rescheduled meeting.
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GRANT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR KSB

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr KSB for the grant of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences.

Mr KSB was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative and responded to questions asked by the Committee. Mr KSB also informed the Committee that there were no other 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 grant of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences to Mr KSB for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR GK

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr GK in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.2 of the report submitted.

Mr GK was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences for which he had been convicted. Mr GK also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr GK's private hire driver's licence be renewed for a period of twelve months from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2005, and suspended for a period of two months from the date of the meeting, in light of the offences for which he had been convicted.

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

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application made by Mr MM for the grant of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences.

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

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences made to Mr MM be refused. The Committee notified Mr MM that he could re-apply for both licences again in September 2005, subject to a medical report being received.

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

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr WM in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.13 of the report submitted.

Mr WM was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offence for which he had been convicted. Mr WM also informed the Committee that there were no other matters pending that they needed to be made aware of.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr WM be refused in view of the seriousness of the offence for which he had been convicted.
- (2) That, no further application for the renewal of hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences on behalf of Mr WM be considered.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN