

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Monday 8th June, 2009 at 6.00pm
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ameson (in the Chair)
Councillors Mrs E Blood, Body, Mrs Coulter, Mrs Greenaway, Roberts,
Ryder, K Turner and Wright.

Officers

Senior Solicitor (Legal and Democratic Services), Licensing Officer, and
Mr S Griffiths (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors Attwood, James and Ms While-Cooper.

2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

5 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>
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SK	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MUJ	1
Renewal of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr GS	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr YA	1
Grant of Private Hire Vehicle Licence – Mr CGM	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr NH	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr KHS	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Miss SK	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr SK	1

GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE - MR SK

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

Mr SK was in attendance at the meeting, together with Mr Schiller, Solicitor, 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, subject to Mr SK first paying the outstanding debt owed to the Authority of £150 in view of his dismissed appeal in 2005 and an independent medical being undertaken by the Authority's nominated Medical Practitioner every twelve months, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr SK for a period of three months.

7 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 10, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

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

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

Mr YA 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 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 YA for a period of six months with effect from 27th May 2009.

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

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application for the renewal of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences made by Mr MUJ, in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr MUJ was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the offences committed. 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 MUJ for a period of twelve months with effect from 18th May 2009, and suspended for a period of two months.

That, in view of the nature of the offences committed, that of speeding, offences compromising public safety, the private hire and hackney carriage drivers licences issued to Mr MUJ be withdrawn with immediate effect in accordance with Section 61 2(B) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976.

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

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RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR GS

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application for the renewal of a hackney carriage driver's licence made on behalf of Mr GS, in the light of the information contained in the report submitted.

Mr GS 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 consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the renewal of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr GS for a period of six months with effect from 11th May 2009.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE – MR CGM

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on an application for the grant of a private hire vehicle licence made on behalf of Mr CGM, in the light of the information contained in the report and Appendix 1 of the report submitted.

Mr CGM and his wife were in attendance at the meeting, and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

Arising from the discussion, the applicant informed the Committee that the business offered an Executive Chauffeur Hire Service aimed at corporate clients, VIP's and professionals.

The applicant was reminded by the Committee that any vehicle registered as a private hire vehicle must only be driven by a person who was a registered private hire driver with Dudley MBC.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following consideration of the information contained in the report, and Appendix 1 to the report, submitted, and as reported at the meeting, approval be given to the grant of a private hire vehicle licence to Mr CGM.
- (2) That a special dispensation, in that the vehicle be of a silver colour with no roof sign and a dispensation in respect of the positioning of the licence plate, be approved.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR NH

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr NH, in the light of the fixed penalty notice received as indicated in paragraphs 5 to 9 of the report submitted.

Mr NH was in attendance at the meeting, together with a supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the fixed penalty notice received. 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, Mr NH receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

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

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr KHS, in the light of the fixed penalty notice received as indicated in paragraphs 10 to 14 of the report submitted.

Mr KHS was in attendance at the meeting, together with a supporter, and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the fixed penalty notice received. 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, Mr KHS receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MISS SK

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Miss SK, in the light of the fixed penalty notice received as indicated in paragraphs 3 to 7 of the report submitted.

Miss SK was not in attendance at the meeting and the Committee determined to hear the application in her absence.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, Miss SK receive a strong written warning as to her future conduct.

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

A report of the Interim Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr SK, in the light of the fixed penalty notice received as indicated in paragraphs 3 to 7 of the report submitted.

Mr SK was not in attendance at the meeting and the Committee determined to hear the application in his absence.

RESOLVED

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

The meeting ended at 7.35pm.

CHAIRMAN