

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 14th February, 2007, at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ameson (in the Chair)
Councillor A Turner (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Cotterill, Mrs Faulkner, Hill, Male, Ryder and Tomkinson.

Officers

Director of Law and Property, Principal Lawyer and Mr. J. Jablonski
(Directorate of Law and Property).

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APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of
Councillor Mrs. Collins.

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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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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th
January, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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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 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr M.A.	1
Review of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr M.S.	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr A.S.	1
Renewal of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licences – Mr M.S.	1
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr B.H.	1
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr R.B.	1
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr A.A.H.M.	1
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr C.M.H.	

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR M.A.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr M.A. in the light of the offence for which he had received a fixed penalty, as indicated in paragraph 9 of the report submitted.

During the presentation of the report submitted it was noted that, as Mr M.A.'s licence had expired on 4th February, 2007, consideration should also be given by the Committee to the renewal of his licence.

Mr M.A. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked in particular regarding the offence involved and his non appearance at previous meetings of the Committee. During the questioning it was confirmed by Mr M.A. that he had not reported the offence in question within the time required for such notification and was therefore also in breach of condition 10 on his private hire driver's licence.

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 driver's licence issued to Mr M.A. and that he receive a strong written warning as to his future conduct in the light of the offence for which he had received a fixed penalty as indicated in the report submitted.

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REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR M.S.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr M.S. in the light of the incident referred to in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr M.S. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee in relation to the incident referred to in the report submitted.

RESOLVED

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

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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, namely:-

Agenda Item Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 9.

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RENEWAL OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR M.S.

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 M.S.

Mr M.S. was in attendance at the meeting and informed the Committee that there were no matters pending that needed to be brought to their attention. He also requested the Committee that, instead of the usual six month licences granted following the grant of three month licences, he be granted licences for twelve month periods.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as reported at the meeting, including the request made by Mr M.S., approval be given to the renewal of the hackney carriage and private hire drivers' licences issued to Mr M.S. for a period of six months in accordance with the established policy and practice of the Committee.

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR B.H.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr B.H. in the light of his non attendance on a Disability Awareness Course, completion of which was a condition of licence.

Mr B.H. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee particularly in relation to his non attendance on Disability Awareness Courses as indicated in the report submitted.

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. B.H. with effect from 3rd February, 2007, and that the licence be suspended until the successful completion of the Disability Awareness Course by Mr B.H.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR R.B.

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

Mr R.B. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee about the offences outlined in paragraph 4 of the report submitted. Arising from the questioning undertaken it was considered that further information was needed regarding the reporting to the Licensing Office of the conviction indicated and dated the 21st July, 2005.

RESOLVED

That further consideration of the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr R.B. be deferred for further information and that this matter be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR A.A.H.M.

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

Mr A.A.H.M. was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offence referred to in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, the application for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences made on behalf of Mr A.A.H.M. be refused, in the light of the offence outlined in paragraph 3 of the report submitted but that, should he wish to do so, he be invited to submit a further application after July, 2009.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS' LICENCES – MR C.M.H.

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

Mr C.M.H. was in attendance at the meeting together with his representative and responses were given to questions asked by the Committee in particular relating to the failure of Mr C.M.H. to pass the driving/knowledge test.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, the application made on behalf of Mr. C.M.H. for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be refused in the light of his failure to pass, on three occasions, the driving/knowledge test but that he be invited to submit a further application when he considers it appropriate to do so.

REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS'
LICENCES – MR A.S.

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr A.S.

Mr A.S. was not in attendance at the meeting and, in accordance with the usual procedure of the Committee, it was

RESOLVED

That further consideration of the review of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr A.S. be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7.35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN