

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Thursday 12th May 2005 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Musk (Chairman)
Councillor Ameson (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Cotterill, Mrs Patrick, Tomkinson, Turner and Wright

Officers

Director of Law and Property
Mrs J Holland and Mrs K Farrington – Directorate of Law and Property

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th April 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

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

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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 1 of that Schedule indicated below:-

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Renewal of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SA	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr IS	4
Grant of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers' Licences – Mr SS	4
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr NH	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MA	4
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MR	4
Grant of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MM	4
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr SK	4
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MNR	4

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RENEWAL OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SA

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on the renewal of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr SA in light of the complaint as indicated in section 2.0 of the report submitted.

Mr SA was in attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED

That, due to the absence of Mr SA's Solicitor, 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. He also informed the Committee that there were no matters pending of which they needed to be made aware.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr IS for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.
- (2) That, two weeks prior to the due date for submission of Mr IS's next application arrangements be made for him to be examined by an independent doctor.

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

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

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

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 SS for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

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

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

Mr NH was not in attendance because of a family bereavement.

RESOLVED

That consideration of the application made by Mr NH for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be deferred.

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GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MA

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

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

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, approval be given to the grant of a private hire driver's licence to Mr MA for a period of three months from the date of this meeting.

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

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 MR in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.5 of the report submitted.

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

RESOLVED

That, having considered the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr MR's private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be suspended for a period of two months in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE 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 private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences.

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences made by Mr MM be refused on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person to hold private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences in view of the offences for which he had been convicted.
- (2) That, Mr MM be informed that the Committee would re-consider an application made by him for the grant of private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences in September, 2006.

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GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR SK

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

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

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, the application for the grant of a private hire driver's licence made by Mr SK be refused on the grounds that he is not a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence in view of his admission at the meeting that he had used an unlicensed vehicle in November 2003 on a home to school contract.

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REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MNR

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MNR in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 2.3 of the report submitted.

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

RESOLVED

- (1) That, having considered the information contained in the report submitted and the representations made at the meeting, Mr MNR's private hire driver's licence be suspended for a period of two months from the date of this meeting.
- (2) That, the Director of Law and Property be authorised to renew the licence of Mr MNR taking into account his suspension.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

CHAIRMAN