

TAXIS COMMITTEE

Thursday 7th September, 2006, at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 4 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ameson (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Collins, Cotterill, Mrs Faulkner, Hill, Ryder, Tomkinson
and A Turner

Officers

Director of Law and Property, Mrs J Elliott (Licensing Officer), Mr T
Holder (Solicitor) and Mrs K Farrington (Directorate of Law and Property)

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of
Councillors Male and Mrs Pearce.

56 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was noted that Councillor Ryder had been appointed as a substitute for
Councillor Mrs Pearce until further notice.

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

58 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 10th
and 17th August, 2006, be approved as a correct record and
signed.

59 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 1 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>
Grant of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MFK	1
Renewal of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr IS	1
Review of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence – Mr PD	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr HK	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr TA	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr MA	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr SS	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr MNQ	1
Review of Private Hire Driver's Licence – Mr ZR	1
Review of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Drivers' Licences – Mr TH	1

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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:-

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

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

Mr IS was in attendance at the meeting, together with his supporter.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the renewal of the private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences issued to Mr IS for a period of twelve months, with effect from 11th August 2006.

62 GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR MFK

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

Mr MFK was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding the offences for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 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 a private hire driver's licence made by Mr MFK 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 criminal record, as set out in the report submitted.

63 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR HK

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr HK in the light of the offence for which he had been convicted, as indicated in paragraph 9 of the report submitted and the breach of condition 10 of his licence.

Mr HK was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, a strong written warning be issued to Mr HK, with regard to his offence and breach of licence as indicated in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report submitted, in respect of his future conduct.

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

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 TA in the light of the offence for which he had been cautioned, as indicated in paragraph 14 of the report submitted.

Mr TA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, and as given at the meeting, a strong written warning be issued to Mr TA, with regard to his caution as indicated in paragraph 14 of the report submitted, in respect of his future conduct.

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

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 MA in the light of the breach of conditions as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr MA was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee regarding his breach of conditions of licence.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, Mr MA's private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be suspended for a period of two months with effect from the date of this meeting and that should the Disability Awareness Course be successfully completed within that period the suspension be lifted immediately.

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

It was noted that this matter had now been withdrawn.

67 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DIVER'S LICENCE – MR MNQ

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr MNQ in the light of the convictions referred to in paragraph 5 of the report.

Mr MNQ was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That Mr MNQ's private hire driver's licence be suspended for a period of two months from the date of this meeting in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted.

68 REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE DIVER'S LICENCE – MR ZR

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the private hire driver's licence issued to Mr ZR in the light of the convictions referred to in paragraph 5 of the report.

Mr ZR was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That Mr ZR's private hire driver's licence be suspended for a period of three months from the date of this meeting in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted.

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

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 TH in the light of the convictions referred to in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the report.

Mr TH was in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions asked by the Committee.

RESOLVED

That Mr TH's private hire and hackney carriage drivers' licences be suspended for a period of four months from the date of this meeting in the light of the offences for which he had been convicted.

REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE – MR PD

A report of the Director of Law and Property was submitted on a review of the hackney carriage driver's licence issued to Mr PD in the light of the breach of conditions as indicated in paragraph 3 of the report submitted.

Mr PD was not in attendance at the meeting and the Committee determined to proceed in his absence.

RESOLVED

That, following careful consideration of the information contained in the report submitted, Mr PD's hackney carriage driver's licence be suspended from the date of this meeting until 20th October, 2006 and that should he have successfully completed the Disability Awareness Course within that period the suspension be lifted immediately.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

CHAIRMAN