# HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room A Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE:

Councillors S Akers-Belcher, Fleming, Hall, Laffey and London

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS
- 3. MINUTES
  - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009
- 4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items

5. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

#### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

#### 6. **EXEMPT ITEMS FOR DECISION**

- 6.1 Private Hire Driver ZU Head of Community Safety and Protection (Para 3)
- 6.2 Private Hire Driver NMJ Head of Community Safety and Protection (Para 3)
- 6.3 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence AP Head of Community Safety and Protection (Para 3)
- 6.4 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence SAB Head of Community Safety and Protection (Para 3)
- 6.5 Private Hire Driver APS Head of Community Safety and Protection (Para 3)

#### 7. ANY OTHER EXEMPT ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

# HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

#### 29<sup>th</sup> September 2009

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

#### Present:

Councillor Ged Hall (In the Chair)

Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Pauline Laffey and Frances London

Officers: Sylvia Pinkney, Consumer Services Manager

Tony Macnab, Solicitor

Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

#### 20. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Fleming

#### 21. Declarations of Interest by Members

None

#### 22. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Under section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Minute 23 – Private Hire Driver ZU (para 3)

Minute 24 – Private Hire Driver MAS (para 3)

Minute 25 – Private Hire Driver MPG (para 3)

Minute 26 – Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence TS (para 3)

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Minute 27 – Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence GO (para 3)

### **23.** Private Hire Driver ZU (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider what action, if any, should be taken against a licensed private hire driver.

#### Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

**24.** Private Hire Driver MAS (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

#### Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

**25. Private Hire Driver MPG** (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

#### Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

**26.** Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence TS (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

#### Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

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# **27.** Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence GO (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

#### **Purpose of Report**

To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

#### **Decision**

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

The meeting concluded at 1.30 pm

**CHAIR** 



#### LICENSING COMMITTEE

## Procedure for Contentious Matters Relating To Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Licence Sub Committee

The hearing will be in private and not open to the press or members of the public. The applicant/appellant will be entitled to be represented by a solicitor or other person.

In advance of the commencement of the meeting (or consideration of an individual case) the Democratic Services Officer shall establish the identity of those present, who they represent and who intends, or wishes, to speak. The officer should also if possible, outline the procedure to the representatives before the meeting commences.

- 1. Chairman's opening comments.
- 2. The Democratic Services Officer representative will indicate which parties are present at the meeting and will briefly outline the procedure (if not already done).
- 3. The Head of Community Safety and Protection (or his representative) will outline the facts, adding any additional information as is necessary.
- 4. Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask any questions of the officer.
- 5. The Head of Community Safety and Protection (or his nominated representative) will call any further witnesses or persons (including a Police Officer) to comment. Members will again have the opportunity to ask questions.
- 6. The applicant/appellant (or representative) will then put his/her case.
- 7. Members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask any questions of the applicant/appellant.
- 8. The applicant/appellant (or nominated representative) may call further witnesses or persons to comment. Members will again have the opportunity to ask questions.
- 9. All persons other than Committee members will then withdraw whilst the matter is considered and a decision reached.
- 10. Should members require further information at stage, all parties are to be invited to return.
- 11. All parties will be recalled to hear the decision of the members.

- 12. Should the decision go against the applicant/appellant, he/she will be informed verbally of the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court.
- 13. The decision will then be communicated to the applicant/appellant in writing as soon as practicable together with details of the right of appeal to the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

#### **NOTES**

Members of the Committee should ask only specific relevant questions and avoid debating the issue until all parties have withdrawn.

Only members present during the whole of the hearing should be involved in the decision making process.

An application for adjournment should be granted by the Chairperson at any time during the proceedings, if it is felt that the applicant/appellant is not receiving a fair hearing.

#### NO CROSS EXAMINATION IS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE MEETING.

Each party is to be allowed to make representation to the Members without interruption.