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**HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND
PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-
COMMITTEE AGENDA**



Friday 14th May 2010

at 2.00 pm

**in Committee Room C
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 15th January 2010
- 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

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6. EXEMPT ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 6.1 Private Hire Driver AS (para 3) – *Assistant Director, Community Safety and Prevention*
- 6.2 Private Hire Driver IR (para 3) – *Assistant Director, Community Safety and Prevention*
- 6.3 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence JS (para 3) – *Assistant Director, Community Safety and Prevention*
- 6.4 Private Hire Driver DC (para 3) – *Assistant Director, Community Safety and Prevention*

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



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.

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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.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

15th January 2010

The meeting commenced at 10.00am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Gerard Hall (In the Chair)

Councillors Pauline Laffey and Frances London

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 (ii), Councillor Sheila Griffin was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher

Officers: Ian Harrison, Principal Licensing Officer
Tony Macnab, Solicitor
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

47. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Tim Fleming

48. Declarations of Interest by Members

Councillor Pauline Laffey declared a personal, non-prejudicial, interest in item 52 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence AP.

49. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2009

Confirmed.

50. 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 51 – Private Hire Driver ZU (para 3)

Minute 52 – Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence AP (para 3)

Minute 53 – Private Hire Driver NMJ (para 3)

Minute 54 – Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence SAB (para 3)

Minute 55 – Private Hire Driver APS (para 3)

51. Private Hire Driver ZU (para 3) – *Head of Community Safety and 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

52. Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence AP (para 3) – *Head of Community Safety and Protection*

Purpose of Report

To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

53. Private Hire Driver NMJ (para 3) – *Head of Community Safety and Protection*

Purpose of Report

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Decision

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54. Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence SAB (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

To consider an application for a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

Decision

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55. Private Hire Driver APS (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

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

Decision

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The meeting concluded at 11.45am.

CHAIR