HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday, 19 October 2010

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room A Civic Centre, Hartlepool

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

Councillors Atkinson, Laffey (Chair), Fleet, Hall, and G Lilley

- 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 19 November 2009
 - 3.2 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2010
- 4. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION No items
- 5. ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

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. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 6.1 Private Hire Drivers Licence (AKIM) (Para 1) Assistant Director, Community Safety and Protection
- 6.2 Private Hire Drivers Licence (GP) (Para 1) Assistant Director, Community Safety and Protection
- 6.3 Private Hire Drivers Licence (NMG) (Para 1) Assistant Director, Community Safety and Protection
- 7. ANY OTHER CONFIDENTIAL 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 Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection) (or 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 Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection) (or 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.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

19 November 2009

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillors Reuben Atkinson, Sheila Griffin, Peter Jackson and Trevor Rogan

Officers: Ian Harrison, Principal Licensing Officer

Richard Smith, Solicitor

Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

28. Appointment of Chair

In the absence of the Chair Councillor Peter Jackson was elected as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Rob Cook

30. Declarations of Interest by Members

None

31. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

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 32 – Hackney Carriage Driver JR (para 3)

Minute 33 – Private Hire Drivers Licence SH (para 3)

Minute 34 – Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver PDMc (para 3)

Minute 35 – Private Hire Drivers Licence KW (para 3)

Minute 36 – Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver LAH (para 3)

32. Hackney Carriage Driver JR (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

Purpose of Report

To consider what action, if any, should be taken against a licensed hackney carriage driver.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

33. Private Hire Drivers Licence SH (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

34. Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver PDMc (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

Purpose of Report

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

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

35. Private Hire Drivers Licence KW(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

36. Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver LAH (para 3) – Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

Purpose of Report

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

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

The meeting concluded at 3:35pm

CHAIR

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

9th February 2010

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

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (In the Chair)

Councillors Mary Fleet and Chris McKenna

Officers: Ian Harrison, Principal Licensing Officer

Tony Macnab, Solicitor

Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

56. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Martyn Aiken

57. Declarations of Interest by Members

Councillor Fleet declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in item 60 Private Hire Driver KMc.

58. Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2009

Confirmed.

59. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

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 60 – Private Hire Driver KMc (para 3)

Minute 61 – Private Hire Driver SAL (para 3)

Minute 62 – Private Hire Driver ZU (para 3)

Minute 63 – Hackney Carriage Driver JMG (para 3)

Minute 64 – Private Hire Drivers Licence PLA (para 3)

Minute 65 – Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver LAH (para 3)

Minute 66 – Any other business (para 3)

60. Private Hire Driver KMc (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

61. Private Hire Driver SAL (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

To consider what action, if any, should be taken against a licensed hackney carriage driver.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

62. 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

63. Hackney Carriage Driver JMG (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

To consider what action, if any, should be taken against a licensed hackney carriage driver.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

64. Private Hire Drivers Licence PLA (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

To consider an application for a Private Hire Drivers Licence.

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

65. Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver LAH (para 3) – Head of Community Safety and Protection

Purpose of Report

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

Decision

Set out in the exempt section of the minutes

66. Any other business

Councillor Chris McKenna advised that following a previous meeting he had witnessed one of the drivers whose case had been considered by the subcommittee parking illegally. Details are included in the exempt minutes.

The meeting concluded at 1:40pm

CHAIR