

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB- COMMITTEE AGENDA



Friday 27th January 2012

at 10 am

in Committee Room A, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

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

Councillors Fleet, Hall, Jackson, Morris and Sutheran.

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 29th November 2011 (*to follow*) and 15th December 2011
4. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items
5. **ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**
6. **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

7. ITEMS FOR DECISION

- 7.1 Private Hire Drivers Licence AJK (para 1) – *Assistant Director, Regeneration & Planning*
- 7.2 Private Hire Drivers Licence GRI (para 1) – *Assistant Director, Regeneration & Planning*
- 7.3 Private Hire Operators Licence HODA (para 1) – *Assistant Director, Regeneration & Planning*

8. 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, Regeneration and Planning (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, Regeneration and Planning (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.

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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 December 2011

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

Present:

Councillor George Morris (In the Chair)

Councillors Ged Hall, Peter Jackson and Lilian Sutheran

Officers: Ian Harrison, Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer
Tony Macnab, Solicitor
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer

15. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mary Fleet

16. Declarations of Interest by Members

None at this point in the meeting. However a personal interest was declared by Cllr Sutheran in relation to minute 21.

17. Items for information

None

18. Welcome and Introduction

Following introduction, the Chair welcomed Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer, to the meeting who would be covering for Jo Stubbs' maternity leave.

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

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

Minute 20 Private Hire Drivers Licence – BK - This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3

Minute 21 Private Hire Drivers Licence – JA - This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3

Minute 22 Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence – MPC - This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3

Minute 23 Private Hire Drivers Licence – RB - This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3

- 20. Private Hire Drivers Licence BK** – *Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*. This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3.

Purpose of report

To consider an application for a private hire drivers licence.

Issues for Consideration

These were outlined in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

This was detailed in the exempt section of the minutes.

Prior to consideration of the following item of business Councillor Sutheran declared a personal interest.

- 21. Private Hire Drivers Licence JA** – *Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*. This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3.

Purpose of report

To consider an application for a private hire drivers licence.

Issues for Consideration

These were outlined in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

This was detailed in the exempt section of the minutes.

- 22. Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence MPC** – *Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*. This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3.

Purpose of report

To consider an application for a hackney carriage drivers licence.

Issues for Consideration

These were outlined in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

This was detailed in the exempt section of the minutes.

- 23. Private Hire Drivers Licence RB** – *Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*. This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 namely information relating to any individual – Para 3.

Purpose of report

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

Issues for Consideration

These were outlined in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

This was detailed in the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 15.30

CHAIR