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Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub Committee

Date: **Monday 30 March 2015**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Barrister's Room - Town Hall**

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Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub Committee

Membership

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Procedure and guidance note on the relevance of convictions adopted by the Council for dealing with cases to be considered by the Sub Committee

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

4 **MINUTES**

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Minutes from 24 February 2015

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.

5 **EXEMPT MATTERS**

If the Sub-Committee wishes to exclude the press and the public from the meeting during consideration of any aspects of the preceding or following agenda items it will be necessary for the Sub-Committee to pass a resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 specifying the grounds on which their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

PART II EXEMPT BUSINESS

In accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act – business affairs of a person other than the Council.

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	<u>Recommendation:</u> That the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 be APPROVED as a true and accurate record.	
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11	DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
	The Sub-Committee is asked to agree the following future meeting dates recommended by the Licensing Team Leader from those agreed at Council:	
	Monday 27 April 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 1 June 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 13 July 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 24 August 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 5 October 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 16 November 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 14 December 2015 (if needed)	
	Monday 25 January 2016 (if needed)	
	Monday 14 March 2016 (if needed)	
	Monday 25 April 2016 (if needed)	

DECLARING INTERESTS

General duty

You must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests when the meeting reaches the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.

What is a disclosable pecuniary interest?

Disclosable pecuniary interests relate to your* employment; sponsorship (ie payment for expenses incurred by you in carrying out your duties as a councillor or towards your election expenses); contracts; land in the Council's area; licences for land in the Council's area; corporate tenancies; and securities. These declarations must be recorded in each councillor's Register of Interests which is publicly available on the Council's website.

Declaring an interest

Where any matter disclosed in your Register of Interests is being considered at a meeting, you must declare that you have an interest. You should also disclose the nature as well as the existence of the interest.

If you have a disclosable pecuniary interest, after having declared it at the meeting you must not participate in discussion or voting on the item and must withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is discussed.

Members' Code of Conduct and public perception

Even if you do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter, the Members' Code of Conduct says that a member "must serve only the public interest and must never improperly confer an advantage or disadvantage on any person including yourself" and that "you must not place yourself in situations where your honesty and integrity may be questioned". What this means is that the matter of interests must be viewed within the context of the Code as a whole and regard should continue to be paid to the perception of the public.

*Disclosable pecuniary interests that must be declared are not only those of the member her or himself but also those of the member's spouse, civil partner or person they are living with as husband or wife or as if they were civil partners.