MINUTES OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

Monday 16 November 2015



COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Cook, Clarkson and Royce.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jeremy Franklin (Law and Governance), Jill Cramer (Senior Licensing Officer), Anna Kieca (Licensing Technical Officer) and Catherine Phythian (Committee Services Officer)

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

31. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE MEETING

The Sub-Committee resolved to NOTE the Council's procedure, policy and guidance note on the relevance of warnings, offences, cautions and convictions.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33. MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2015 as a true and accurate record.

34. EXEMPT MATTERS

The Sub-Committee resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that their presence would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

35. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2015 as a true and accurate record.

36. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSED AT THE CHIEF POLICE OFFICER(S) DISCRETION.

The Sub-Committee resolved to DEFER this case to the next meeting as the licence holder was not present.

37. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF A RECENT CONVICTION

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's suitability to continue to drive Private Hire vehicles in the light of a recent criminal conviction.

The Sub-Committee resolved to REVOKE the licence holder's Private Hire Driver Licence in light of a recent conviction.

38. HCPH: APPLICATION TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The Sub-Committee resolved to DEFER this case to the next meeting as the licence holder was not present.

39. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF RECENT CRIMINAL CHARGES

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's suitability to continue to drive Private Hire vehicles in the light of recent criminal charges.

The Sub-Committee resolved to RENEW the application to renew the Private Hire Driver licence pending the outcome of the trial: on acquittal the decision of the Sub-Committee to renew the license would stand; on conviction for either of the charges the Sub-Committee resolved to delegate to licensing officers the authority to immediately suspend the licence and refer the case back to the Sub-Committee for determination.

40. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF RECENT CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS.

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's suitability to continue to drive Private Hire vehicles in the light of recent criminal convictions.

The Sub-Committee resolved to REFUSE the application to renew the Private Hire Driver Licence.

41. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Sub-Committee NOTED the following future meeting dates (if needed):

5pm Monday 14 December 2015 5pm Monday 25 January 2016 5pm Monday 14 March 2016 5pm Monday 25 April 2016 5pm Monday 23 May 2016

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 6.10 pm