

# **HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Monday 25 April 2016**

**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:** Councillors Cook (Chair), Clarkson and Royce.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Jill Cramer (Licensing Officer), Catherine Phythian (Committee Services Officer), Anna Kieca (Licensing Compliance Officer) and Daniel Smith (Lawyer)

## **70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **71. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE MEETING**

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

## **72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **73. MINUTES**

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2016 as a true and accurate record.

## **74. 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.

The Sub-Committee considered matters relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle licensing in private.

## **75. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2016 as a true and accurate record.

#### **76. HCPH: APPLICATION TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine an application to drive Private Hire vehicles.

The Sub-Committee resolved to APPROVE the application to drive Private Hire Vehicles.

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#### **78. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF THE REVOCATION AND RESTORATION OF HIS DVLA DRIVING LICENCE.**

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's application to renew and suitability to continue to drive Private Hire vehicles in the light of the revocation and restoration of his DVLA driving licence.

The Sub-Committee resolved to REFUSE the application to renew a Private Hire Driver Licence as the licence holder did not meet the Council's licensing policy which requires applicants to be free from convictions and cautions for the specified time.

The Sub-Committee AGREED that there were no grounds to revoke Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

#### **79. HCPH: SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES**

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 and application to renew his Private Hire Driver Licence.

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

#### **80. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Sub-Committee NOTED the future meeting dates.

The Chair commented that this was the last meeting of the Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Licensing Sub-Committee that Councillor Royce would attend as she was standing down from the Council. He thanked her for her commitment and contribution to the work of the Sub-Committee and the licensing service over many years.

Councillor Royce thanked the Sub-Committee and officers. She said that she hoped that the Council would continue to appoint a female to the Sub-Committee as she believed this provided an important perspective.

**The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 6.30 pm**