MINUTES OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGES AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

Monday 8 August 2016



COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Cook (Chair), Coulter and Landell Mills.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jill Cramer (Licensing Officer), Jeremy Franklin (Lawyer), Emma Thompson (Licensing Compliance Officer) and Jennifer Thompson (Committee and Members Services Officer)

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Clarkson submitted apologies and Councillor Coulter substituted for her.

11. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AT THE MEETING

The Sub-Committee noted the Council's procedures and guidance note on the relevance of warnings, offences, cautions and convictions

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2016 as a true and accurate record.

14. 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.

15. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

The Sub-Committee resolved to approve the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2016 as a true and accurate record.

16. SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF A CAUTION

The Head of Community Services submitted a report detailing a case to determine the licence holder's suitability to continue to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence in the light of a recent caution.

The Sub-Committee resolved to **take no action** in respect of the Private Hire Driver's Licence and require that any related matters come before them to allow them to reconsider the licence holder's suitability.

17. SUITABILITY TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES IN LIGHT OF RECENT RELEVANT CONVICTIONS, AND TWO OUTSTANDING COMPLAINTS

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 and outstanding complaints.

The Sub-Committee resolved to **revoke** the Private Hire Driver's Licence with immediate effect and **take no action** in respect of the Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

18. 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 in the light of an accumulation of warnings.

As the licence holder was not present, the Sub-Committee resolved to **defer** consideration of this case until the next meeting to give the licence holder an opportunity to present his case.

19. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Sub-Committee noted the meeting dates and the start time of 5.30pm.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 7.00 pm