

## MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

held Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**PRESENT:** Councillors John Robson (Chair), David Barker and Geoff Smith

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### 1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING ARRANGEMENTS**

1.1 The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting and outlined basic housekeeping and fire safety arrangements.

### 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

2.1 No apologies for absence were received. Councillor Philip Wood attended the meeting as a reserve Member, but was not required to stay.

### 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### 4. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

4.1 **RESOLVED:** That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before discussion takes place on the main item of business to be considered (agenda item 5), on the grounds that, if the public and press were present during the transaction of such business, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

### 5. **HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING**

5.1 The Chief Licensing Officer submitted details in respect of three cases relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing.

5.2 In case number 61/12, the applicant did not attend the hearing,

5.3 In case number 62/12, the applicant attended the hearing and addressed the Sub-Committee.

5.4 In case number 63/12, the applicant attended the hearing, accompanied by a representative, and they both addressed the Sub-Committee.

5.5 **RESOLVED:** That the cases now submitted be determined as follows:-

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Licence Type</u>	<u>Decision</u>
61/12	Review of a Private	Revoke the licence under Section

Hire/Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence 61 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, on the basis of the offences and convictions now reported, and accordingly, the Sub-Committee's view that there were reasonable grounds to revoke the licence, but the licensee did not pose an immediate threat to public safety, due to the fact that he was currently serving an eight year prison sentence, having been found guilty of two accounts of sexual assaults and two accounts of false imprisonment on female passengers in his vehicle.

The Chair wished to add the following comment; 'in light of the information contained within the report now submitted, the Chair will write to the Magistrate's Association, to offer the possibility of them undertaking a training exercise in conjunction with the Licensing Sub-Committee.'

- 62/12 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence (a) Grant a longer term licence, to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013, due to the exceptional circumstances outlined to the Sub-Committee by the applicant, (b) the vehicle is to be tested twice a year, and (c) in the event of a failed vehicle test, the licence be referred back to the Sub-Committee.
- 63/12 Application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence Grant a licence for the normal term of 12 months, due to the exceptional circumstances outlined to the Sub-Committee by the applicant.