

Appeals Committee – 26 September 2006

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **26 September 2006** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T Livings
Vice-Chairman: Cllr J E Grey

Cllr K H Hudson
Cllr R A Oatham

Cllr Mrs C A Weston
Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Crawford	- Transportation Manager
N Khan	- Solicitor
J Bradley	- Solicitor
J Read	- Hackney Carriage Officer
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

306 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2006 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

307 PROCEDURAL NOTE

The Committee noted the procedure to be followed in hearing the review.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

308 HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Planning and Transportation relating to a breach of a condition of a hackney carriage vehicle licence in respect of a failure by a driver to provide details of insurance when requested and proof of continuous insurance cover for his vehicle.

The Committee viewed the driver's failure to comply with the licensing conditions in a serious light. It did not consider that the driver had adequately explained the gap in insurance cover or provided suitable evidence for this gap. The Committee was further concerned that the driver failed to respond in a timely fashion to letters from the Transportation Department requesting proof of insurance cover for that period.

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Having given careful consideration to the matter and taken into account the fact that the driver had not previously committed offences or breached the licensing conditions, the Committee nevertheless felt that the driver had failed to take his responsibility as a hackney carriage proprietor seriously. It was therefore deemed appropriate that the appellant's hackney carriage vehicle licence be suspended for a period of 6 months, to take effect in 14 days' time.

Resolved

That the hackney carriage vehicle licence be suspended for a period of 6 months, to take effect in 14 days' time. (HPT)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 4.00 pm.

Chairman

Date