Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **27 January 2009** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs H L A Glynn Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs L M Cox

Cllr K H Hudson Cllr T Livings Cllr R A Oatham

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

OFFICERS PRESENT

N Khan	- Solicitor
J Crawford	- Transportation Manager
C Stone	- Hackney Carriage Officer
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12 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 item of business on the grounds that exempt information as disclosed in paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

13 PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Planning and Transportation relating to breaches in the Council's private hire licensing conditions following a private hire driver, operator and vehicle licence holder's ('licence holder') conviction for theft and false representation offences.

The Committee considered that the licence holder's failure to report the charges and convictions to the Council was in direct breach of the Council's licensing conditions. In addition, it recognised that the receipt of criminal convictions within the last 3 years was also a breach of the appropriate licensing conditions. The Committee, having considered all the evidence and taking into account the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Enforcement Policy, considered that the licence holder was not a fit and proper person to continue to hold a private hire driver's licence and private hire operator's licence and thus considered it appropriate to revoke these two licences. Furthermore, the Committee also took account of the nature of the breach and the licence holder's mitigation, and decided not to take any action in respect of the private hire vehicle licence.

Resolved

That the licence holder's private hire driver's and private hire operator's licences should be revoked. (HPT)

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.45 am.

Chairman

Date

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