

Appeals Committee – 30 November 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **30 November 2005**
when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

Cllr K H Hudson
Cllr T Livings

Cllr R A Oatham

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs C A Weston.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Bugeja	- Head of Legal Services
J Crawford	- Transportation Manager
J Read	- Hackney Carriage Officer
S Worthington	- Committee Administrator

472 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

473 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 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

474 HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management relating to a breach of a condition of a hackney carriage driver's licence in respect of a driver accumulating four motoring offences on his DVLA licence and failing to disclose his offences within seven days.

The Committee considered the commission of the repeated driving offences within close succession of each other a matter of some concern, particularly given the appellant's experience as a licensed driver, and perceived that this

reflected on the driver's suitability to hold a hackney carriage driver's licence within the Rochford District.

It was emphasised that, ordinarily, the number of offences would disqualify the driver from holding a hackney carriage driver's licence within the District. The Committee had, however, decided to take into account the length of time that the licence had been held and the driver's previous good record.

It was therefore deemed appropriate that the appellant's licence could be renewed, but suspended for a period of 9 months. The appellant should, furthermore, at the end of the 9-month period, present his licence to the Transportation Manager. The Committee stressed that any further offences or breaches of the licensing conditions by the appellant would result in a review of the situation.

Resolved

- (1) That the appellant's hackney carriage driver's licence be renewed, but suspended for a period of 9 months.
- (2) That the appellant present his DVLA licence to the Transportation Manager at the end of the 9-month period. (HRHM)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.45 pm.

Chairman

Date