Appeals & Licensing Committee – 23 July 2004

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals & Licensing Committee** held on **23 July 2004** when there were present:-

Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins (Chairman)

Cllr K A Gibbs Cllr K H Hudson Cllr T Livings

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R A Oatham.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Bugeja - Head of Legal Services

J Bradley - Trainee Solicitor

J Crawford - Transportation Manager
J Read - Hackney Carriage Officer
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

344 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 21 and 28 April 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

345 PROCEDURAL NOTE

The Committee noted the Procedural Note to be followed in hearing the Appeal.

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.

346 HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Revenue and Housing Management asking Members to consider the appellant's appeal to apply for a hackney carriage driver's licence following his disclosure of a criminal conviction in January 1999.

Mindful of the appellant's failure to comply with the licensing conditions in

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incurring a criminal conviction, Members nevertheless accepted that, given the nature and circumstances of the offences and the time that had elapsed since their commission, and with the appellant otherwise being of good character, the offences could reasonably be regarded as being within the less serious category. The Committee therefore considered that it was appropriate to make an exception in this particular case and that the appellant should be allowed to continue with his application and for the grant of a hackney carriage driver's licence, subject to the appellant meeting the licensing criteria in all other respects.

Resolved

That the appellant be allowed to continue with his application and, provided he met the criteria in all other respects, that he be issued with a hackney carriage driver's licence. (HRHM)

The meeting	closed at	3.20	pm.
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Chairman	
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