

Appeals Committee – 20 February 2006

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **20 February 2006** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

Vice-Chairman: Cllr K A Gibbs

Cllr T Livings

Cllr R A Oatham

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K H Hudson and 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

61 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62 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.

63 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's receipt of a Police caution for a criminal offence.

The Committee considered that, in accepting a Police caution, the driver had breached the Council's licensing conditions. It was, however, perceived that there were particular mitigating factors such that deemed it unreasonable to impose a penalty preventing the driver from continuing as a licensed hackney carriage driver.

The Committee therefore considered it appropriate that the driver be issued with a warning to the effect that, should the driver receive any further Police caution, the matter would not be dealt with in a lenient manner.

Resolved

That the driver be issued with a warning that any other Police caution received would result in a further review of the driver's licence. (HRHM)

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and closed at 3.15 pm.

Chairman

Date