

Appeals Committee – 9 November 2009

Minutes of the meeting of the **Appeals Committee** held on **9 November 2009** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr J E Grey
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Mrs L M Cox

Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr R A Oatham
Cllr Mrs B J Wilkins

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr T Livings.

OFFICERS PRESENT

J Crawford - Transportation Manager
A Law - Solicitor
M Keogh - Enforcement Officer (Transportation Services)
K Gymer - Paralegal
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

289 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.

290 HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S AND VEHICLE LICENCES

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Planning and Transportation relating to a driver falling outside the Council's hackney carriage licensing conditions as a result of a criminal conviction.

The Committee considered that the driver's criminal conviction and failure to report the conviction to the Council was in direct breach of the Council's licensing conditions.

The Committee, having considered all the evidence and taking into account mitigating circumstances presented by the driver, accepted that the conviction was an isolated incident and did not believe that the driver presented any danger to the travelling public. It also took into account the driver's previous good record and genuine remorse and the fact that the driver had taken positive steps to put this incident behind him.

Appeals Committee – 9 November 2009

It accordingly did not deem it appropriate to suspend or revoke the hackney carriage driver's or vehicle licence. It did, however, consider it appropriate to issue the driver with a formal, written warning that any future breach in the Council's licensing conditions could result in revocation of his hackney carriage driver's and/or vehicle licence.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and closed at 10.55 am.

Chairman

Date

If you would like these minutes in large print, braille or another language please contact 01702 546366.