

Hackney Carriage Committee
4 July 2018

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the HACKNEY CARRIAGE COMMITTEE held on Wednesday 4 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Chestnut Board Room, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

PRESENT: Councillors H.Bower (Chairman)
P.Hebden (Vice-Chairman)

J.Cragg (substituting for R.Trigg), G.Hayes (substituting for L.Chesterman), M.Larkins (substituting for A.Chesterman), P.Mabbott and H.Quenet

Councillor F.Thomson, Executive Member (Public Protection, Planning and Governance)

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Principal Litigation Officer (F.Marchione)
Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges)
Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)
Democratic Services Manager (G.Seal)
Democratic Services Officer (H.Johnson)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. M (for Item 7) (Driver)
Mr. B (for Item 7) (Legal representative for driver)
Mr. K (for item 8) (Driver)
Mr. A (for item 8) (Legal representative for driver)
Mrs. B (for item 8) (Complainant)

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Members noted that Councillors H.Bower and P.Hebden had been appointed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2018/19 municipal year at the Annual Council meeting on 21 May 2018.

2. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

The following substitutions of Committee Members had been made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 19-22:

Councillor J.Cragg for R.Trigg, Councillor G.Hayes for L.Chesterman and Councillor M.Larkins for A.Chesterman.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.Chesterman, L.Chesterman and R.Trigg.

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4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100(A)(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for Agenda items 7 and 8 (Minutes 6 and 7 refer) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100 (A)(3) and Paragraphs 1 (personal information), 2 (individual identity) and 3 (private financial or business information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act (as amended).

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it was considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

6. DETERMINATION OF A REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Hackney Carriage Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of a review of a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The applicant, accompanied by his solicitor, was in attendance for the hearing.

Having considered all the evidence, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED

That as there were no grounds for refusal the application for a Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence was granted.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in the exempt Minute 6A).

7. DETERMINATION OF A REVIEW OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Regulatory Support Officer presented the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the determination of a review of a Private Hire Driver's Licence.

The driver, accompanied by his solicitor, was in attendance for the hearing.

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Following consideration of the evidence presented, both written and oral, the Committee

RESOLVED

That the incident reported did not warrant a revocation or a suspension, but was significant enough to warrant a written formal warning.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in exempt Minute 7A).

Meeting ended at 9.45 pm
JH