

Hackney Carriage Committee
27 September 2018

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the HACKNEY CARRIAGE COMMITTEE held on Thursday 27 September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE.

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

A.Chesterman, L.Chesterman, P.Mabbott, H.Quenet
and R.Trigg

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

OFFICIALS Principal Litigation Officer (R.Ricks)
PRESENT: Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)
Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges)
Democratic Services Officer (H.Johnson)

ALSO Mr. M (for item 6) (Driver)
PRESENT: Mr. Butt (Legal representative for driver)
Mr. A (for item 7) (Driver)
Mr. A.Schiller (Legal representative for driver)
Mrs. Z (complainant)
Ms. S (Witness)
Mr. P (Witness)
Mr. H (Witness)

8. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9. 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 10 and 11 (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).

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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.

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

The Committee decided to hear the case of Mr. M first (which was item 7 on the original agenda)

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.

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

RESOLVED

That a formal warning be issued to the driver.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in the exempt Minute 10A).

11. DETERMINATION OF A REVIEW OF A PRIVATE HIRE 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.

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

RESOLVED

That the driver be suspended from using his Private Hire Driver's License for a period of three months.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in exempt Minute 11A).

Meeting ended at 10.50 pm
HJ