

Hackney Carriage Committee
22 November 2018

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the HACKNEY CARRIAGE COMMITTEE held on Thursday 22 November 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)

J.Caliskan (substituting for H.Quenet), A.Chesterman,
L.Chesterman, J.Cragg (substituting for R.Trigg),
P.Mabbott

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Senior Litigation Officer (M.McCabe)
Hackney Carriage Officer (J.Vaughan)
Regulatory Support Officer (C.Bridges)
Governance Services Officer (M.Lowe)

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. SH (for item 6) (Driver)
Mr M (for item 6) (Friend of Driver)
Mr.R (for item 6) (Complainant)
Mr. MH (for item 7) (Driver)

12. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

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

Councillor J.Caliskan for Councillor H.Quenet.
Councillor J.Cragg for Councillor R.Trigg.

The Chairman, with the agreement of the Committee, would write to the Hackney Carriage Officer to request that, in future, any cases to be heard involving violence or abuse be considered first and whether the driver's handbook could be made available in other languages.

13. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H.Quenet and R.Trigg.

14. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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15. 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 6 and 7 (Minutes 16 and 17 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.

16. 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 Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence.

The driver was in attendance for the hearing and was accompanied by a friend.

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

RESOLVED:

That the driver receive a formal warning.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in the exempt Minute 16A).

17. COMMISSION OF OFFENCES BY AN UNLICENSED DRIVER

Exempt report of the Hackney Carriage Officer on the commission of offences by an unlicensed driver.

The driver was in attendance for the hearing.

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

RESOLVED:

That the driver be prosecuted.

(Note: A more detailed record of the Committee's decision is contained in exempt Minute 17A).

Meeting ended 9.15pm
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