

REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Confidential minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 29 August 2012, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 2.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Pratt (Chairman); Councillors Davies, Mrs Gallagher, Goode, Mrs Higgins, MacKay, Shilton, Weed and Wilkinson.

SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Wilkinson substituted for Councillor Gill and Councillor Davies substituted for Councillor Illingworth.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20. MINUTES

Hard copies of the minutes were not available and, although an electronic version had been circulated, the Committee agreed that the minutes should not be signed until hard copies had been distributed.

21. PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as set out below:

Minute No.	Para Nos.	Reason
22 to 24	1	Information relating to any individual
22 to 24	2	Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual

The full minutes of Minutes 22 to 24 would be contained within a confidential minute which would be considered for publication following the implementation of the relevant decisions. However, a summary of the decisions was as follows:

22. A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE HOLDER WITH UNDECLARED CONVICTIONS

The Committee considered a report from Community Protection with regard to a renewal application received from a hackney carriage/private hire driver currently licensed by the Council.

The Licensing Services Manager, David Davies, outlined the report and advised that the driver had held a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence with

WDC since July 2009. A renewal application for his licence had been submitted to the Council but the driver had failed to include relevant driving convictions.

The driver was interviewed by the Committee and then asked to leave the room whilst Members deliberated their decision.

The Committee therefore

RESOLVED that the driver be required to take and pass a Driving Standards Agency (DSA) Private Hire / Hackney Carriage drivers test, at their own expense, within two months of this decision and that the driver shall report the outcome of such test to Licensing Services.

Further, the Committee resolved that if the driver failed to take the DSA test, or if it was taken and failed, the matter would be referred back to the Committee to decide if further action should be taken and, until the Committee met and a decision taken, the licence would be suspended.

23. **A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE HOLDER WITH CONVICTIONS**

The Committee considered a report from Community Protection with regard to a renewal application that had been received and actioned from a hackney carriage / private hire driver currently licensed by the Council.

The Licensing Services Manager, David Davies, outlined the report and advised that the driver held a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence with the Council. A renewal application for his licence had been submitted to the Council which included relevant convictions which had not been reported to Licensing Services within the required timeframe.

The driver was interviewed by the Committee and then asked to leave the room whilst Members deliberated their decision.

The Committee therefore

RESOLVED to take no further action at this stage.

24. **A HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE HOLDER WITH CONVICTIONS**

The Committee considered a report from Community Protection with regard to a renewal application that had been received and actioned from a hackney carriage / private hire driver currently licensed by the Council.

The Licensing Services Manager, David Davies, addressed the Committee and presented his report. The driver had held a hackney carriage / private hire drivers licence for some time and had submitted a renewal application to the Licensing Services team. The driver had failed to show a conviction for an insurance offence which had been committed in September 2009 and had failed to notify the officers at the Council.

The driver was interviewed by the Committee and then asked to leave the room whilst Members deliberated their decision.

The Committee therefore

RESOLVED to take no further action.

(The meeting ended at 16.57)