

# REGULATORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 February 2006, in the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 10.00 am.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs Goode (Chair); Councillors Harris, Mrs Knight and Kundi.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Butler and Ms Flanagan.

## 880. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 881. PUBLIC AND PRESS

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following two items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

## 882. APPLICATION FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

A report was submitted from Members' Services on an application for a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence, where a Criminal Records Bureau check had revealed convictions.

In February 2005, the Committee had considered an application from HSD – date of birth 2/12/1970, for hackney carriage and private hire drivers licences.

The Criminal Records Bureau disclosure for HSD, at that time, had revealed a number of convictions.

HSD had attended the meeting in February 2005 and addressed the Committee in support of his application. However, in view of the convictions revealed the application had been refused.

HSD had now asked that his application be reconsidered in view of the fact that he had been a further year conviction free. He was asking for a decision in principle before he made a formal application for a licence which would involve the payment of fees. Should the Committee decide that a licence should not be issued he would not make the application.

HSD attended the meeting and addressed Members in support of his application.

HSD then answered questions from Members and was invited to sum up which he did.

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HSD then left the meeting whilst the Committee considered his application.

**RESOLVED** that HSD be informed that should he make an application for a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence, the application would be approved subject to a medical, a knowledge test and a further Criminal Records Bureau check.

HSD was then invited back into the meeting and informed of the decision.

### **883. PRIVATE HIRE/HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER WITH CONVICTIONS**

A report from Members' Services was submitted giving details of a conviction against a holder of a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence.

KSS – date of birth 4/9/61, had held a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence for a number of years. A conviction in 2004 had recently come to light and KSS had been invited to attend this meeting, to address Members before they considered whether to take any action against him.

KSS had indicated that he was unable to attend the meeting because of illness.

**RESOLVED** that the Officers arrange for a further meeting to consider this matter, and that KSS be invited to that meeting and informed that if he does not attend the Committee might consider the matter in his absence.

### **884. ADVERTISING ON TAXIS**

A report from Members' Services was submitted on an application for consent to place advertisements on a hackney carriage vehicle.

Authority had been delegated to the Officers, in consultation with the Regulatory Committee Group Spokespersons to approve the form of advertisements to be displayed on taxis and private hire vehicles, and to issue consents for such advertisements.

An application had been received for consent to an advertisement proposed to be placed on a TX hackney cab, (London Cab), for a period of twelve months to start at the end of February. A copy of the proposal was circulated with the report.

The Group Spokespersons on Regulatory Committee had been asked if they would agree to consent being given in this case, and one Spokesperson had replied that he thought the proposals were not acceptable and would add nothing to the street scene. He asked, therefore, that the application for consent be referred to the Committee for a decision.

## **REGULATORY COMMITTEE (Continued)**

**RESOLVED** that the application for consent for advertisements to be placed on a taxi be approved, subject to all the proposed black and white checks being removed.

(The meeting ended at 10.30 am)

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