

**MINUTES OF: LICENSING COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006**

**PRESENT: Councillor D Barnes (in the Chair)  
Councillors Alcroft, L Barnes, Dickinson, Eaton, Entwistle,  
Lynskey, Morris, Starkey, H Steen, P Steen, Unsworth.**

**IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Chadwick, Licensing Manager  
Derek Hamill, Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Angela Parkinson Head of Legal Services  
Heather Moore, Committee Services Manager  
Jenni Cook, Committee Officer**

**ALSO PRESENT: Members of the Public and Taxi Association**

**APOLOGIES: Councillors Gill and Sandiford (Entwistle substituting)**

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## **BUSINESS MATTERS**

### **1. MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Committee held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

### **3. URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS**

By virtue of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Chair agreed that the following item of business be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency as it would be detrimental to the applicant to wait until the next meeting of the Committee:

Item D6 - application to become a Licensed Hackney Carriage Driver in the Borough of Rossendale – Mr Y.

## **OPERATIONAL MATTERS**

### **4. LICENSING ACT 2003 – STRATEGIC REPORT IN RESPECT OF JOINT ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOL**

The Committee considered a report presented by the Licensing Manager on the adoption of the Joint Enforcement Protocol with Lancashire Constabulary.

**Resolved:**

- 1) The Committee noted the Report.
- 2) The Committee agreed that The Cabinet be recommended to approve the proposed Joint Enforcement Protocol with Lancashire Constabulary.

**5. SIGNAGE – COMPANY DETAILS ON LICENSED VEHICLES**

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Manager informing members of recent requests from proprietors to display company details on vehicles. The Committee considered temporarily disallowing condition 1.5 of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions being “Details of the company/vehicle proprietor may only be displayed on the rear nearside and rear offside doors of the vehicle” until the next Committee to allow the Licensing Manager to make further investigation and consultation.

In accordance with the public speaking procedure Mrs A Kenyon spoke on the report and suggested that the new crest on minibuses should display the number of passengers permitted to be carried.

**Resolved:**

1. That the Licensing Manager reviews Mrs Kenyon’s suggestion and reports back to the next meeting of the Licensing Committee.
2. That the report be noted.
3. That Condition 1.5 be temporarily disallowed and a report be submitted to a future meeting.

**6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**Resolved:**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve disclosure of exempt information relating to an individual as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**7. APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR GRE**

The Chair welcomed the applicant to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for consideration of revocation of the hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant, the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Enforcement Officer retired from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be not revoked.

**8. APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR GRE**

The Chair welcomed the applicant to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for consideration of the private hire drivers licence.

The Applicant, the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Enforcement Officer retired from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Private Hire Drivers Licence be not revoked.

**9. APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION OF REVOCATION OF A HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS LICENCE – MR TM**

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for consideration of revocation of the hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant, the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Enforcement Officer retired from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be not revoked.

**10. APPLICATION TO BECOME A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE – MR S**

The Chair welcomed the applicant and his representative to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for the hackney carriage drivers licence. The Committee considered 2 written references submitted by Mr S prior to the meeting.

The Applicant, the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Enforcement Officer retired from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be granted.

**11. APPLICATION TO BECOME A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE – MR R**

The Chair welcomed the applicant and his representative to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for the hackney carriage drivers licence.

The Applicant, the Licensing Manager and the Licensing Enforcement Officer retired from the meeting to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be refused as it was considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

**12. APPLICATION TO BECOME A LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER IN THE BOROUGH OF ROSSENDALE – MR Y**

The Chair welcomed the applicant and his representative to the meeting. The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented a report detailing the circumstances leading to the application for the hackney carriage drivers licence.

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence be refused as it was considered that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence not be granted.

**13. CRIMINAL RECORDS BUREAU (CRB) CHECKS**

**RESOLVED:**

That reports submitted to the Committee be accompanied by a CRB check to enable the Committee to determine the application.

**The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 9.05pm**