

**MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at
The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford on Wednesday, 30 April 2008 at 10.00 a.m.**

Present: Councillor P Jones CBE (Chairman)
Councillor JW Hope MBE (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, ME Cooper, PGH Cutter, JHR Goodwin,
R Mills, A Seldon and DC Taylor

124. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors DJ Benjamin and SPA Daniels.

125. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

127. PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee noted the procedural arrangements for hearing appeals to ensure that the laws of natural justice were followed to give a fair hearing to the applicants and to the Licensing Officers.

**128. HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING DEVIATION
BY VERA WATKINS FROM VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITION NUMBER 3.1**

A report was presented by the Licensing Officer about an application for a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle licence by Mrs V Watkins. He explained that the vehicle would become eight years old on 4 May 2008 and that under the Councils licensing conditions it would no longer be eligible to be licensed. Mr Watkins attending on behalf of Mrs Watkins said that his understanding was that provided a licence was due for renewal before a vehicle became eight years old, it could be licensed for a further twelve months but then would have to be replaced. This had been the case with the two other vehicles operated by Mrs Watkins. The Licensing Officer said that he would submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee to clarify the situation. His view was that vehicle licences could be renewed but that as soon as they became eight years old they would cease to be licensed.

Having considered all the circumstances regarding the application, the Committee felt that in view of the fact that other vehicles had been licensed for a final twelve-month period, the application from Mrs Watkins could be granted.

**RESOLVED THAT:
an application from Mrs VM Watkins to deviate from the standard condition**

number 3.1, for the renewal of a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle licence be granted

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following items will not be, or are likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time they are considered.

RESOLVED: that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, as indicated below.

This item discloses information relating to any particular applicant for or recipient of or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority.

129. DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER LICENCE - TO DETERMINE MATTERS REGARDING A DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Licensing Officer referred to agenda item No. 6 and provided the Committee with the circumstances which had given rise to a dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licence holder accumulating 12 penalty points in respect of breaches of the Council's licensing conditions. The applicant said that she had only worked as a driver for a limited period and that she did not wish to continue. She thereupon surrendered her licence to the Licensing Officer. In view of this, the Licensing Officer withdrew the matter.

130. DUAL (HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE) DRIVER LICENCE - TO DETERMINE MATTERS REGARDING A DUAL DRIVERS LICENCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

The Licensing Officer referred to agenda item No. 7 and provided the Committee with the circumstances which had given rise to the need for an application for the renewal of a dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver's licence being referred to the Committee. The applicant provided the Committee with details of his personal circumstances and explained why he felt that he should be allowed to continue to be a licence holder.

Having considered all of the facts put forward by the Licensing Officer and the applicant, the Committee was satisfied that the applicant was a fit and proper person under the meaning of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and that his licence could be renewed.

The meeting ended at 3.05 p.m.
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CHAIRMAN