

LICENSING (GENERAL) SUB – COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors Blatchford, Fuller, Galton, Norris, Wells (Chair) and Willacy.

14. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED that the appointment a Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee be deferred to a future meeting.

15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)

RESOLVED that the minutes from the meeting held on 2nd July 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Council's Constitution, specifically the Access to Information Rules, the press and public be excluded from the meeting at a predetermined point in the hearing in respect of any consideration of the following matters and specifically in respect of any consideration of Minute No 17 on grounds based on Categories 1 and 2 of paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules because failing to do so would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 as well as a breach of a Common Law duty of confidentiality.

17. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee considered the confidential report of the Solicitor to the Council concerning an application for the grant of a Private Hire Driver's licence. (Copy of report circulated with agenda and appended with letter of objection to signed minutes).

The applicant was in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Sub-Committee considered the decision in confidential session in accordance with Categories 1 and 2 of Paragraph 10.4 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules.

RESOLVED that the application be refused.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

Having regard to the Home Office Guidelines the Sub-Committee was satisfied that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold a Private Hire Driver's Licence. The Sub-Committee's primary concern was the non disclosure of the revocation of a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire licence by another authority. The nature of the non disclosure in addition to the record of convictions were considered valid reasons for the Sub-Committee's decision.