

Hackney Carriage Sub-Committee

Monday, 8 November 2010

10.00am

Present:

Cllrs: Michael Wenban (Chairman)
John Burden
Harold Craske

Martin Goodman	Corporate Lawyer
Christina Hills	Senior Licensing Officer
Carlie Plowman	Committee & Scrutiny Assistant
Tim Worthington	Hackney Carriage Officer
Sunitpal Khroud	Trainee Solicitor

Also in Attendance:

Christopher Fuller	Hackney & Private Hire Liaison Officer, North Kent Police
Hackney Carriage Licence Holder & his representative	

1. Appointment of Chairman

Cllr Michael Wenban was appointed Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Harold Craske declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 as he knows the Hackney Carriage Driver.

3. Exclusion

Resolved pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded during the following item of business because it was likely in view of the nature of business to be transacted that, if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

4. Possible revocation of a Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence

The Corporate Lawyer suggested a procedure to be followed, which was adopted by the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee was required to consider whether a Hackney Carriage Driver was a fit and proper person to continue to hold a Hackney Carriage Drivers licence.

The Sub-Committee was informed that the Hackney Carriage Driver had been arrested and cautioned for the possession of an imitation firearm contrary to the Firearms Act 1968.

The Borough Council had suspended the Hackney Carriage Driver's licence on 25 June 2010 under Section 61 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 as amended by Section 52 Road Safety Act 2006.

The Senior Licensing Officer apprised the Sub-Committee of the record of the Hackney Carriage Driver.

The Hackney & Private Hire Liaison Officer for North Kent Police requested the Sub-Committee to revoke the Hackney Carriage Driver's licence with Gravesham Borough Council.

The Hackney Carriage Driver and his representative requested that the Hackney Carriage Licence be reinstated.

The Sub-Committee adjourned to consider its decision.

Resolved that

- (1) the Hackney Carriage Driver's licence be suspended for six months commencing on 25 June 2010;
- (2) the 12 points accrued by the Hackney Carriage Driver for the offence remain on his licence for a period of 36 months.

Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 11.14 am.