

LICENSING BOARD-SUB-COMMITTEE
14th January, 2015

Present:- Councillor Dalton (in the Chair); The Mayor (Councillor John Foden), Councillors Ellis, McNeely and Parker.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Police Act 1997 and Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs and prevention of crime).

PROPRIETOR'S REQUESTS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION TO LICENSED VEHICLE CONDITIONS

Consideration was given to reports, presented by the Licensing Manager, concerning requests from the owners of private hire operating companies for permission not to display (at certain times specified in the requests) the required Licence identification plate and signage on the Companies' licensed vehicles, as required by Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Permission not to display such signs would constitute an exemption to conditions 3 and 5(2)(a) of the private hire vehicle conditions of licence.

Resolved:- That permission be granted in respect of the following vehicles:-

(1) Posh Travel (operator : Mr. C. Lawton) – Jaguar XF registration YR63 LDA and Mercedes E350 registration KP10 ZCF (Minute No. 53 of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 21st March, 2012 refers);

(2) ABC (operator : Mr. J. France) – Jaguar S Type registration RV54 LKP, soon to change to private registration J5 NDF (Minute No. 28 of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 14th November, 2012 refers);

(3) ASAP Executive Travel Ltd., trading as Sheffield Executive (operator : Mr. P. D. Self) – Mercedes E Class Estate registration YB12 FXK (Minute No. 21 of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 10th October, 2012 refers).

APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANT/RENEWAL/REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Sub-Committee of the Licensing Board considered a report, presented by the Licensing Manager, relating to applications for the grant, renewal and review of hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licences in respect of Messrs. T.P.D., N.A., K.K., I.Z.B. and E.Z.Z.

Messrs. T.P.D., N.A., K.K. (with a representative), I.Z.B. and E.Z.Z. (with a representative) attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Sub-Committee. Officers of the Council's Parking Services were also in attendance for discussion of the application relating to Mr. K.K.

During consideration of these matters, Members requested the provision of information from the South Yorkshire Police describing the Police protocol and practice relating to the issue of official cautions to offenders, in order that such details may better inform this Authority's decision making on hackney carriage and private hire licensing matters.

Resolved:- (1) That, further to Minute No. 27(5) of the meeting of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee held on 15th December, 2014, the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. T.P.D. be approved, he be granted a licence for twelve months and he be issued with a stern written warning as to his future conduct.

(2) That the application for the grant of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. N.A. be refused.

(3) That the application for the renewal of a hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. K.K. be refused.

(4) That, with regard to the review of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. I.Z.B.:-

(a) the driver's licence be suspended with immediate effect for a period of seven days;

(b) Mr. I.Z.B. be required to undertake a course of training relating to the health and safety of the travelling public and subsequently to provide the Licensing Authority with written evidence of his having satisfactorily completed such training; and

(c) the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Board be informed of the outcome of the next vehicle inspection/testing of the private hire vehicle licensed to Mr. I.Z.B. (due to take place during May 2015) in order that they may determine whether the matter should be considered further by the Licensing Board (or its Sub-Committee).

(5) That, further to Minute No. 24(2) of the meeting of the Licensing Board Sub-Committee held on 10th December, 2014, the current suspension of the hackney carriage/private hire driver's licence in respect of Mr. E.Z.Z. be confirmed, the review of the suspension be deferred and the matter shall be considered further at a future meeting of this Sub-Committee.