

LICENSING BOARD
Wednesday, 14th September, 2011

Present:- Councillor Wootton (in the Chair); Councillors Barron, Beck, Buckley, Dodson, Donaldson, Falvey, Foden, Goulty, J. Hamilton, N. Hamilton, Jack, Nightingale, P. A. Russell and Swift.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andrews, Havenhand, McNeely and Sangster.

Q15. MINUTES OF THE BOARD HELD ON 17TH AUGUST, 2011

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting of the Licensing Board held on 17th August, 2011, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

Q16. DETERMINATION OF LICENSING ISSUES - HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS

The Senior Licensing Officer submitted a report concerning the following application for the grant of a licence to carry out a house to house collection:-

| ORGANISATION | AREA | DATE |
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| Rainbow Trust Children's Charity | Whole of Rotherham Borough | 21 st November, 2011 to 20 th November, 2012 |

Resolved:- That the application be approved.

Q17. PROPRIETOR'S REQUEST FOR INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION TO LICENSED VEHICLE CONDITIONS - ADVERTISEMENTS

The Board considered the submitted report indicating a request from a licensed driver/proprietor/operator for an exemption to Condition 6 of the private hire vehicle conditions of licence to facilitate the advertisement of his company name and phone number on the rear window of his white VW transporter private hire vehicle.

A copy of the proposed advert and a sample of the material that would be affixed to the rear window were submitted.

Resolved:- That, subject to:-

(1) it being clear that the vehicle was a private hire vehicle

(2) compliance with MOT requirements with regard to transparency of the sign;

the request to be exempted from Condition 6 of the licensing conditions to facilitate a rear window advertisement be approved.

Q18. 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).

Q19. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES

The Board considered reports by the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services relating to applications for the review of hackney carriage/private hire drivers' licences from Messrs. Z.H., V.A., A.H. and S.K..

Messrs. Z.H. and A.H. attended the meeting and were interviewed by the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the applications from Mr. S.K. be deferred for further investigation.

(2) That the licence held by Mr. Z.H. be suspended pending the outcome of Court proceedings then further consideration by the Board.

(3) That the licence held by Mr. V.A.'s be revoked.

(4) That the licence held by Mr. A.H. be suspended for one month and he be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

Q20. HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS' LICENCES - APPLICATIONS

The Board considered reports by the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services relating to applications for the grant of hackney carriage/private hire drives' licences from Messrs. M.H. and B.A.H.

Mr. M.H. attended the meeting and was interviewed by the Board.

Resolved:- (1) That the licence held by Mr. M.H. be suspended for three months and he be issued with a warning as to his future conduct.

(2) That consideration of the application by Mr. B.A.H. be deferred for further investigation.